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## Prosecutor confirms to County: private practice days are over

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss was asked to clear the air regarding recent allegations by a few citizens that he continues to operate a private law practice while working full time for the county.

Huss appeared before the County Board on January 17 to answer the allegation at the request of District 4 Commissioner Lynnette Corlew.

In a written statement to the Board, Huss states that he is certain those who are concerned about his "extremely limited law practice are simply ill-informed" as to the agreement he holds with the County and for that reason, he wished to re-affirm their understanding.

Huss states that in exchange for a "significant increase of salary, effective March 10, 2000" he has closed his private office in the Mini Mall and gave up his private practice telephone and fax numbers. He also discontinued using a post office box formerly used for business.

He has also wrapped up the loose ends of any clients' legal business he had as of March 10 that would require court appearances and that would interfere with his job as Prosecutor between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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## Citizens of the Year

### ED & MARGE MARTELLA HONORED FOR THEIR WORK WITH COMMUNITY, AUSABLE MARATHON



Photo by Linda Golinick

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce President Lynn Porritt-McConnell presents the "Citizen of the Year" award to Ed and Marge Martella for their years of dedication to the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The award was presented at the annual Chamber \$10,000 Raffle on January 20 at the Holiday Inn. The Martellas were selected by the Chamber Executive Board from a field of nominations. See Page 14A for more Chamber event winners.

## County signs six-month trial contract with shelter board

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The combination of different rules under the new animal control ordinance and the recent turmoil within the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. were cited by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners as reasons to sign a six-month trial contract with the shelter board to care for the county's homeless animals, instead of a one-year contract.

With Joe Porter present as its representative, the shelter board proposed a one-year contract with the county at a cost of \$10,000. According to the proposal, the county would pay \$5,000 at signing and the remaining \$5,000 on June 1.

"Because of everything that is going on there, I am uncomfortable with signing a year contract," stated Lynnette Corlew, District 4 Commissioner. "And, I would so move we sign a six-month contract for half this amount, of \$5,000." (Corlew was referring to the lawsuit filed against the former shelter director January 8 and an effort by members who the current shelter board has failed to notify them of meetings, thus giving them no opportunity to have a voice on shelter issues.) Vice Chairman Terry Beardslee of District 6 supported the motion, and the floor was opened up for discussion.

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## Community input needed in search for new Crawford superintendent

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 29 at 5 p.m. to give members of the community a chance to offer suggestions in the search for a new Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent.

Sponsored by the CASD Board of Education, the meeting will take place in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria and is open to the public. The meeting is expected to last one hour, followed by the Board's regular meeting, also open to the public.

Results of community input will help the Board of Education set specifics for the position opening July 1 due to the retirement of current Superintendent, Kent Reynolds, at the end of the 2000-2001 school year. Reynolds has served 19 years as Superintendent (corrected from the 17 years stated in a previous article in the *Avalanche*).

The Board will facilitate the expertise of Dr. Timothy Quinn and the Michigan Leadership Institute, in the search for the right candidate to fill Reynolds' shoes. Dr. Quinn

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## BENEFIT TO HELP FILL 'EMPTY BOWLS'

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Frederic Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) will host the 2nd Annual Empty Bowls Benefit on February 9, with all proceeds going to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

To prepare for the benefit, Frederic students have shaped, molded, glazed and fired ceramic bowls. Each is a unique work of art formed and decorated by the loving hands of a young child to help raise awareness of the need to keep the local food pantry well-stocked for those in need. The motto of the benefit is, "Let there be no empty bowls."

Empty Bowls fund-raising is actually an international phenomenon of which no one seems quite sure where the idea began, but has served the purpose of feeding the hungry on a worldwide basis. "It has been a very successful endeavor for most communities and many believe it is because you receive something back for your donation, a token of your generosity... a beautiful work of art!" said Vicky Schmidt, Frederic PTO President.

The benefit is actually a

soup supper, but also includes stew, chili, hot dogs, chili dogs, bread sticks, rolls, desserts, beverages and door prizes.

Those attending the Empty Bowls Benefit will first spend some time looking for a bowl to purchase for \$5 (visitors over 12 years) or \$3 (for those ages six to 12 years). Kids age five and under eat at no charge. In exchange for the purchase, visitors can choose what they would like for supper.

The Empty Bowls Benefit will take place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Frederic Elementary School on Friday, February 9. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this Winter Fun Days event.



Photos courtesy of Vicky Schmidt

(Above) Students in Nancy Dean's 2nd grade class begin glazing their bowls for the 2nd Annual Empty Bowls Benefit planned for February 9 at Frederic Elementary School. First grade teacher Sharon Vergeldt gives some pointers to Shelby Pippin (left) and Ciara Johnson. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

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## Vice Chair welcomed back



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Crawford County's new Vice Chairman Terry Beardslee (District #6) was welcomed back on January 17 to the commissioners' table after missing two meetings while recovering from shoulder surgery. In his absence, the County Board elected the second term commissioner to his new office at its January 4 organizational meeting. With his arm and shoulder in a brace he must wear for another month or so, Beardslee was happy to pose for historical reasons.

## In this issue of The Avalanche: 2001 Sawmill Medallion Hunt "Super Clues"



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## Western Europe to be featured in travel series

► Travelogue to explore the arts, sights, and history of Western Europe

The next installment of the Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's "Travel & Adventure Series" will feature an exploration of the countries of Western Europe, including views by land, river, and sea; profiles of well-known artists and musicians; and a look into the history of the region.

The travelogue, entitled "The Real World of Western Europe," will be held on Thursday, February 8, at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door, or they can be ordered in advance by calling the Crawford AuSable Community Education office at (517) 344-3535. Ticket prices are: \$5/individual or \$4.50 for a student or senior.

Highlights of the Western Europe travelogue will include: journeys to some of the most "colorful" countries in Western Europe (France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Greece) and their great cities; a look at Paul Gauguin and Vincent Van Gogh; two of Europe's most famous artists; the life of composer Mozart; the canals of Venice; the Berlin Wall; the Swiss Alps; and much more.

The narrator of "The Real World of Western Europe," Rick Howard, began traveling with his family at

an early age. He saw most of the United States on his own during his teen years.

In 1974 he graduated from California State University Northridge with a Bachelor's Degree in Radio, Television, and Film. Howard took his knowledge of film on the road, traveling all over the world and living the life of an "explorer/filmmaker."

"The Real World of Western Europe" is the fourth travelogue in the Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's "Travel & Adventure Series."

The Cultural Events Program's Travel & Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership between the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program and Lead Sponsor Fick & Sons.

## Bradstreet sworn in for second term



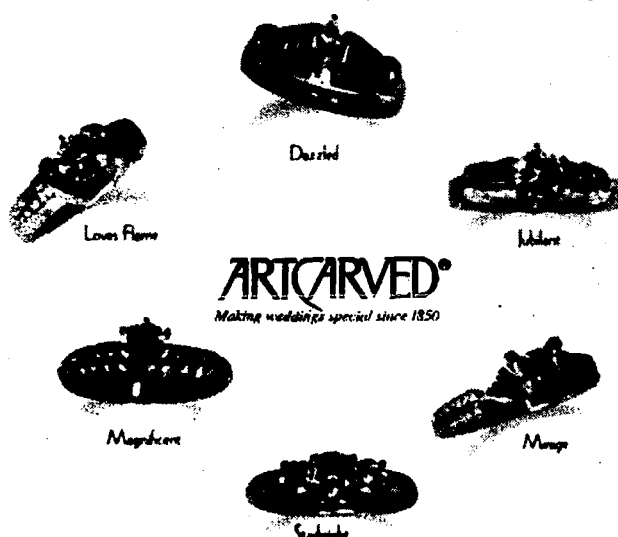
State Rep. Ken Bradstreet was sworn-in to his second term in the Michigan House of Representatives by State Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Weaver during a ceremony Wednesday, January 10 at the Capitol in Lansing. The Gaylord lawmaker represents the 105th House District, encompassing Antrim, Kalkaska, Otsego, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Alcona counties.

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## Ski patrol seeks donations for new set of radios

Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park's Ski Patrol is currently in the process of raising money for a new set of radios.

Members of the ski patrol and Hanson Hills maintenance workers use the radios to keep in touch outside while the ski park is in operation. The set of radios currently being used is old and needs to be replaced, Cheryl Lucey of the ski patrol said.

"They're breaking as fast as we get them fixed," Lucey said.

In addition to patrolling the hills during normal park hours, the ski patrol works Hanson Hills events such as the Michigan Cup Marathon, at which hundreds of

cross country skiers compete every year.

At this year's Michigan Cup Marathon, held on January 13, the ski patrol was short four radios. "They just died on us," Lucey said.

Lucey said the ski patrol has been looking into buying new radios, and "found some good ones at a good rate." Now, the group must raise about \$2,000 to pay for a set of 10-12 radios.

There are several donation boxes at Hanson Hills, and donors can also mail contributions to: Hanson Hills C/O Ski Patrol, P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI, 49738. The ski patrol also hopes to organize a few fund-raising events this winter.



The Hanson Hills Ski Patrol monitors the hills of the winter sports park and works special events like the annual Michigan Cup Marathon cross country ski races (pictured). The ski patrol is currently trying to raise money for a new set of radios.

## 'Four Freshmen' concert sells out

The Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's second "Command Performance Dinner Series" show of the season, set to feature the music of "The Four Freshmen," has sold out. The event, to be held on the evening of Thursday, January 25, at the Grayling Holiday Inn, sold out a couple weeks before showtime. About 300 tickets were available.

The Four Freshmen, a musical/vocal group first founded in 1948, had a string of hits in the 1950's and has been performing ever since.

The group's line-up has changed throughout the years, but the group's "commitment to the Freshmen tradition of superb vocal sound" has remained. Bob Flanigan, one of the founding members of The Four Freshmen,

serves as the current group's mentor and manager.

The musical style of The Four Freshmen includes jazz and big band sounds. Each member can play a variety of musical instruments in addition to being a talented vocalist.

The Four Freshmen dinner concert is the second of four Command Performance Dinner Series shows scheduled for this year's Cultural Events line-up. The performance is being sponsored by many area businesses and corporations, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The next performance in the Command Performance Dinner Series, featuring "The Macombers," will be held in April.



The Four Freshmen

## Snowmobile crash injures local youths

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two local juveniles were injured, one critically, while operating snowmobiles last Friday night.

According to Crawford County Sheriff Dave Lovely, the accident occurred around 9:30 p.m. on

January 19 on Lewiston Grade Road, east of North Roberts Road in Grayling Township. Deputies and Mobile Medical Response were called to the scene, assisted by Grayling Fire personnel.

One driver, 15-year old Jason Verlinde of Frederic, was taken to

Grayling Mercy Hospital and was reported in critical condition as of Saturday, January 20. The other driver was treated for minor injuries and released. His name has not been released by the sheriff.

Details of the accident were unavailable at press time and

Sheriff's personnel have yet to determine whether alcohol was a factor. The accident remains under investigation.

## Library Board asks public for ideas on book collection

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Library Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday to allow public input on the future of the library's book and resource material collection.

"We would really like some community input," said Library Board President Barbara Clark-Greene.

"People need to let us know what books and materials they would like to see in the new library's collection."

The Board has contracted with Lansing firm, The Extra Edge, to determine the needs and shortfalls in the current collection and has invited Collection Analysis Expert Charlene Ezell to participate in the

meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. on January 30 at the Crawford County Library on James Street in Grayling.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and offer suggestions.

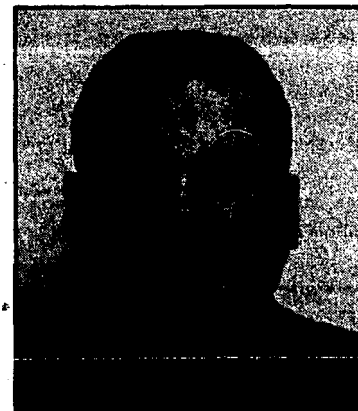
## New deputy joins sheriff department

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

After eight months serving with the Grayling Police Department, Beaver Creek resident Shawn Schnoor has joined the Crawford County Sheriff Department.

"We are pleased to have him aboard," said Crawford Sheriff Dave Lovely, who explained Schnoor joined the department on December 11, 2000 and is currently receiving on the job or "field training" under the guidance of a veteran officer on the force. Schnoor is a full time road patrol officer.

Lovely said Schnoor is a certified officer and will begin specialized training soon to learn interviewing and processing of child



Deputy Shawn Schnoor

abuse/neglect cases. "I am really looking forward to him working here in that capacity," Lovely said.

## Community input needed in search for new Crawford superintendent

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will meet with members of the community and school staff on January 29 and be in attendance at the community meeting and at the full board meeting to follow.

"This is your opportunity to participate in the search process," states Board President Marilyn Rossi in a letter to community members. "We would like to know the qualities you think are important to seek in a superintendent."




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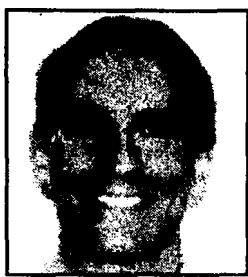
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

# Bill Clinton: The Long Goodbye

Like most of my fellow Americans, I was glued to the television coverage this weekend of the inauguration of George W. Bush, our 43rd president.

Not really. The ratings for the Saturday coverage were not all that great, somewhere below "Temptation Island" and just a smidgen above "Everybody Loves Raymond."

True, most of us don't really have a burning desire to sit and watch for hours as our new Presidents receive their oath of office, or give their acceptance speech, or parade to their new home at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. That is unless we are one of the few on the very, very short list of invitees who get to experience the events live. And I'm just guessing here, but if you are reading this, you probably weren't one of those on the very short list.

Most of us are happy to catch a glance or two of the weekend-long festivities. But on Saturday, at least part of the coverage was not the in-coming of the new Bush team but the outgoing of the old Bill Clinton.

As our President for the past eight years,

Clinton has never been far from the spotlight. If you count the year he campaigned before his first election, that gives him more than 3,000 days as the star of the show, the leading man on the biggest stage in the world.

Clinton has been saying his good-byes since November. He did a couple mini farewell tours, one of which included a stop in East Lansing, giving Michiganders the thrill of seeing him one more time.

He had a prime-time see ya on Thursday night, a brief 10 minute self tribute in which he basically told us how much we were going to miss him. That final address has received less than the stellar reviews he is used to getting from his friendly allies in the media.

Is the national media souring on their glamour boy and warming up to the idea of a new Bush administration?

Hardly.

In the brief time I watched Saturday's Inaugural showcase, the snide comments remained. Once, in referring to President Bush's work schedule, the commentator

admitted that the President "begins his work day at 5:45 a.m., not really at 9 o'clock" as they previously told us. In another moment, the talking heads congratulated Bush on continuing the tradition of walking on the parade route, a tradition started by President Jimmy Carter. They told us that walking got Bush "closer to the people." And that like most Americans, the commentators "were glad to see Dick Cheney getting some exercise."

Welcome to Washington, fellows.

Also fascinating were the scenes of Clinton at the airport getting on the plane to take him....

Where? Where was he going? Not back to Arkansas, that's for sure. The man from Hope hasn't had his own home there in almost 40 years. To his new house in the posh Washington suburbs? Not a jumbo jet.

So it was off to New York, to his new home. The home of Mrs. Senator Clinton. But she's not going to be in New York as she is fully immersed in her new duties in Washington. She was not with him as he boarded the plane. Her friends in the media

also did not show her waving goodbye.

The former President was busy in his last few days, signing executive orders which change public land into preserved national parks. He also was busy working out a deal with prosecutors that will keep him out of jail in exchange for an admission of guilt, a fine and a suspension of his law license. That's his punishment for committing perjury, lying under oath and lying to us, the American people - who also happen to be his employers.

He also handed out 140 presidential pardons. He pardoned some of his closest friends and cohorts. To his brother, Roger: drug dealing charges expunged forever. To his former business partner, Susan McDougal, who went to the slammer for him: a clean slate. He also cleared other infamous lawbreakers like Patty Hearst.

Presidential pardons are said to be common in the final days of all presidencies. The only pardon that stands out in most minds is that given to former President Nixon. To the best of my knowledge, no other presidential brothers have ever been

pardoned.

So now Bill Clinton wakes up almost every day like those Americans whos pain he felt. He is unemployed, and most days, alone. He has become just another citizen. How will the history books remember Bill Clinton? What will be his legacy, that elusive, lasting claim to fame that he has spent the last two years trying to establish?

Will he be remembered as one of our greatest Presidents? Will the list of his accomplishments while in office increase in their grandeur as the distance between his term of service and the memory of that term grows? Will he become a great one who suffered through one bad year at the hands of his enemies?

Or will he be remembered as a great campaigner, a person who gave the American people the answers we wanted to hear, but who suffered with some life-long character flaws? We, who lived through the Clinton years, can tell our children and grandchildren what has really happened.

Then we can check the history books to see how right we are.

# EDITOR

## Reporter's fairness, objectivity questioned

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the articles that have been published in the newspaper concerning the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. I am curious as to the relationship between your reporter, Ms. Cheryl Ruley, and former Animal Shelter Director, Dixie Lobsinger.

It would appear to the reader that perhaps Ms. Ruley has more than an objective reporter's interest and is demonstrating a bias in favor of Ms. Lobsinger through her reporting of this story. Is Ms. Ruley an active supporter of Ms. Lobsinger? Has

Ms. Ruley participated, other than as a newspaper reporter, in recent demonstrations of support for Ms. Lobsinger? Was Ms. Ruley's automobile one of the automobiles used to block the entrance to the Animal Shelter when Board members tried to gain access? What other involvement does Ms. Ruley have directly or indirectly, other than as a newspaper reporter, with Ms. Lobsinger or her supporters? I ask these questions in the fairness of journalism and so that your readers are given the opportunity to decide for themselves whether Ms. Ruley has been

fair and objective in her reporting.

It would seem logical to think that a reporter would search out and present both sides to the story in a fair and objective manner so that the readers may reach their own conclusions. In order to be fair and objective it would seem appropriate to have interviews and/or quotes from not only Ms. Lobsinger and her supporters, but also those of the Board and their supporters; however, we have not.

It would also seem appropriate that the editor of the newspaper make sure that the reporter writing

the story is not also involved in creating it! That is of course, unless the editor is also a supporter of Ms. Lobsinger, in which case it would make sense as to why you are now printing editorials, in the form of news coverage, on the front page of the paper.

Please present both sides of this story in a fair and balanced manner, including interviews with the Animal Shelter Board of Directors, to do otherwise would be a disservice to your readers.

Keith E. Kenney  
Grayling

## 'Unknown' shelter member calls lawsuit unnecessary, frivolous

To the editor,

I consider myself one of the "unknown" members of the Animal Shelter and wish to voice my dissatisfaction with the Animal Shelter Board for their recent filing of a lawsuit against Dixie Lobsinger. This lawsuit is unnecessary and frivolous in my opinion and will result in costs to both sides - money that could have and should have gone to support the shelter. This all

could have been avoided if there had been more honest communication and compromise between the parties.

This Board was elected without a vote by the membership, as required by the by-laws. No notice of any board meetings was ever published or posted, nor were any board vacancies ever posted. How can a board that was not duly elected pursuant to their own by-laws have any

legal standing to file suit against anybody, enter into leases or spend shelter money on their own legal fees?

But, since the suit has been filed, an answer is required within 21 days. In order for Dixie to retain an attorney to prepare an answer, a fund-raising dinner is being held at Gray Rock Cafe on Sunday, February 4, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donations of \$5 per person will be

used for Dixie's legal expenses and any excess funds will go back into supporting the shelter, where it should have gone in the first place.

I'm very disappointed in this Animal Shelter Board and can only shake my head and wonder what's really behind all this?

Linda A. Franklin  
Grayling

## Support sought for Dixie who 'was always there'

To the editor,

For years, she was always there for the neglected, the unwanted, the lost and the injured animals who needed care and compassion.

She comforted those grieving the loss of a beloved pet. Her words helped us when we lost Max.

Now, Dixie needs help to raise funds for her legal defense against the charges of the animal shelter board.

This same board denied shelter members their vote by withholding public information regarding meeting times and places.

Dixie needs the support of this community. Tickets are available now for a benefit spaghetti dinner Sunday, February 4, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe.

Bob and Barb Clark  
South Branch Township

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## HEALTHLINE

by Linda Demarchis, M.S., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department Number 10 which serves a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like to see answered, please call or write the Health Department in your county.

QUESTION: My son just recently got his driver's license. He tells me I worry too much about his driving. I told him teens have more accidents than other age groups which he doesn't really believe. This is true isn't it? Also, how can I help him drive safely?

SIGNED: Father of a teenager.

ANSWER: You are right that teens have more accidents. Teens are over represented in traffic crashes. Drivers ages 15 to 20 account for fourteen percent of drivers in fatal traffic accidents but only make up 6.7% of the total driving population. Why?

Driving a car is not as simple as it appears to teenagers. It takes a great deal of time and experience to acquire the skills and good judgement needed for proficiency. Young drivers, due to lack of experience, may be short on these qualities.

Some factors that increase a teenager's risk of death and injury on the road include:

- Inexperience, immaturity, impulsive actions
- Risk taking behaviors
- High risk situations (night time driving, passengers, and peer pressure to take risks all can cause problems)
- Alcohol use

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QUESTION: My son is 16 years old. I thought I heard somewhere that there is a type of cancer common to young men. What kind is it and how is it detected?

SIGNED: Concerned mother.

ANSWER: The cancer you are asking about is testicular cancer, which is one of the most common cancers in young men between the ages of 15 and 34. The disease also occurs in other age groups, so all men should be aware of its symptoms.

Testicular cancer can cause a number of symptoms and all men, especially those in the aforementioned age groups, should watch for one or more of the following: - a lump in either testicle - any enlargement of a testicle - a feeling of heaviness in the scrotum - a dull ache in the lower abdomen or the groin - a sudden collection of fluid in the scrotum - pain or discomfort in a

- Illegal drug use
- Failure to use seat belts
- Fatigue

One area of concern is the number of teens involved in fatigue related crashes. Drivers under the age of 30 make up one-fourth of the licensed drivers but account for nearly two-thirds of drowsy driving crashes.

In addition, male drivers are five times more likely than females to be involved in drowsy driving crashes. At highest risk are teen boys with a large number of extra-curricular activities...usually the most intelligent, ambitious and energetic of our youthful population.

Try to talk to your son and other young people about the risks of driving while feeling drowsy. Messages to him, as suggested by the Safe And Sober Campaign of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration might include:

- Never drive when sleepy or tired
- Driving between midnight and 6AM is especially high risk
- Don't drink even a small amount of alcohol before driving
- Don't drive after a low-rest time period, for example after college exams

If a driver becomes drowsy, he should immediately let an alert passenger drive, pull over and take a 15 or 20 minute nap, or consume the caffeine equivalent of two cups of coffee, which can make a difference in alertness for a short time.

However, the best thing to do is prevent drowsy driving in the first place.

testicle or in the scrotum - enlargement or tenderness in the male breasts

Although these symptoms are not sure signs of cancer (they can be caused by other conditions) it is very important to see a doctor if any of these symptoms lasts as long as two weeks. Early diagnosis and treatment is especially important because it improves a man's chance for complete recovery.

All men should learn to perform a self-examination of the testicles once a month. This should be done after a warm bath or shower and only takes a few minutes. A medical practitioner can teach your son how to do this examination. Also, the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute publish pamphlets that teach men the procedure. Although knowing testicular self-exam is important, it cannot substitute for a physician's exam.



# BRIEFS

## Items still needed for PG rummage sale

A rummage sale is planned for February 17 and 18 at the American Legion Hall to benefit Project Graduation. Hours will be announced at a later date. The committee is seeking clean, usable, saleable donations. No clothing please. To make a donation to the sale or to arrange for bottle/can pick up, call Sue McNally at 348-2324 or Charlotte Fairbotham at 348-1145. The Project Graduation Committee will meet Wednesday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School teacher's lounge. Everyone in the community is invited to get involved to give grads a safe alternative on Graduation Night.

## Medallion Hunt Kick-Off Dinner this week

The 2001 Sawmill Medallion Hunt Kick-Off Dinner will be held Thursday night, January 25 at 6 p.m. at the Sawmill on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Medallion Hunters should bring paper and pen to take notes.

## Dixie's Underdogs plan spaghetti dinner

Animal Shelter members known as "Dixie's Underdogs" are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner at Gray Rock Cafe (Industrial Street in Grayling) on Sunday, February 4, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is a donation of \$5 per person; kids under 10 eat free. Funds raised will be used to retain legal counsel to represent shelter members and Dixie Lobsinger in the lawsuit filed by the animal shelter board. Any leftover funds will be used to help homeless animals. For tickets or to make a donation, write to: Dixie's Underdogs, P.O. Box 154, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets will also be sold throughout the community and at the door. Shelter members will also meet Friday, February 2 at 7 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe. Everyone is welcome.

## Flu/pneumonia vaccines still available

The Health Department on Meadows Drive in Grayling still has flu and pneumonia vaccines available to those folks who have not yet received protection this season. Call 348-7800 for an appointment.

## Church to show movie *Apocalypse*

Burning Bush Tabernacle at 501 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling will be presenting the movie, "Apocalypse" to the community on Sunday, January 28 at 3 p.m. The movie depicts Bible prophecy in fulfillment and is shot on location on six continents. Following the 11 a.m. service, a full-course ham dinner will be served. The community is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Pastor Petrie at 348-1278.

## Blood drive scheduled at Kirtland

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Monday, January 29 at Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road in Roscommon.

## Suicide prevention focus of support group

Gaylord-based Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program offers "Survivors of Suicide" support group every second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Otsego Memorial Hospital. Also, Yellow Ribbon community meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Gaylord High School. These meetings are for anyone in Gaylord and surrounding communities. Everyone is welcome to attend. In the event of a snow day or any other reason the school may be closed, meetings will be held at Otsego Memorial Hospital. For more information visit [www.arthusweb.com](http://www.arthusweb.com).

## Ski event to benefit River House Shelter

A Women's Non-Competitive Event to raise money for the River House Shelter & Domestic Crisis Service will be held at Hanson Hills Ski Area on Sunday, February 4 at 9 a.m. Ski course will be seven kilometers (4.5 miles) and the charge is \$15 for early registration and \$20 for registration the day of the event. For more information, contact the Cross Country Ski Shop at 348-8558.

## OMH plans Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and Otsego Memorial Hospital, in Gaylord, will hold a community blood drive Wednesday, January 31 from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Hospital Classroom. New donors are welcome. Experienced donors who have not given blood in the past two months are encouraged to participate. Call (517) 731-2216 to schedule an appointment.

## Church offers all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Michigan Avenue in Grayling will host an all-you-can-eat soup, sandwich, salad and dessert luncheon on Thursday, February 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person; take-outs available. Everyone is welcome.

## Lions' Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 winner of \$100 is Pat Wiltse.

## Conservation group plans annual open house and board election

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be holding their annual Open House on Wednesday, January 31, between 12 noon and 7 p.m., followed by the Annual Meeting and election, beginning at 7 p.m. The events will take place at the District office located in the CRAF Center at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon.

During the Open House the public will be invited to meet the staff, obtain conservation information, vote on entries submitted in the amateur photo contest, purchase conservation items, order trees at a 10% discount, and draw for a door prize.

During the Annual Meeting, the board of directors will give recognition to local conservationists, along with holding a business meeting.

Also at that time, a director's election will be held to fill one four-year term of office on the District Board. Nominees for the office are:

• Walt Neilson, the incumbent, is a life-long resident who lives in South Branch Township (Crawford County) where he owns and operates 260 acres of wildlife/farm land. Neilson is employed at Mercy Hospital in Grayling; and is familiar with the District, having served as a Director since 1987.

• Thomas Riedel, a life-long resident of Roscommon County, now residing at Houghton Lake, retired from the state government (Michigan Liquor Control) in 1992. Riedel worked two full seasons, 1998 and 1999, with the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program; and he enjoys the outdoors and is an avid fisherman.

Absentee ballots are available for voting in this election during regular business hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays up until 7 p.m. January 31, 2001. For more information, call the District at (517) 275-5231.

## Bake/buy cookies to help Habitat

Crawford County Habitat for Humanity will be holding its annual Cookie Walk on February 9. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound at a location in Grayling's downtown.

There are two ways the public can help. First, bake your favorite cookies to bring to the Cookie Walk. Second, come and buy cookies by the pound. Mix and match the varieties and take home everyone's favorite cookie. The only way for the event to be successful is with the involvement of the community.

Yvonne Sobierski, Habitat's Fund Development Chairperson, has set a goal of raising \$1,000. "That would make 2001 the most successful year yet," she said. "We need these funds to buy building material to construct two homes this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to help provide safe, affordable housing for a county resident."

The location and hours for the event will be announced later. Any questions regarding the event or for more information about donating cookies, call 348-1803.

## Friday is D.A.R.E. Graduation Day

Everyone is invited to the Grayling Elementary School D.A.R.E. Graduation on Friday, January 26 at 2 p.m. in the school gym. Fifth grade students' accomplishments through the anti-drug program will be recognized.

Refreshments will be served after the program and fifth graders will be dismissed for the day.

Any questions regarding the D.A.R.E. program should be directed to Deputy Herman at 348-4616, ext. 332.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Are you Suicidal?

Following Christmas and as we move deeper into the winter season many people become depressed, and the suicide rate seems to increase. Suicide is promoted by Secular Humanists. "It also includes a recognition of an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right to suicide." -Humanist Manifesto II. Humanists glorify suicide as an act of human dignity. People faced with financial stress, family problems, and other circumstances often choose suicide as their "honorable" way out. Their pride will not allow them to reach out for help, or sympathy from others. They feel like victims with all circumstances beyond their control. Suicide is their last desperate act of the will to prove they can still be in control of their problems. In the end they love self more than others, and neither think or care what will happen to their family and/or friends. Suicide really hurts others who love them the most.

Suicide is the ultimate act of rebellion against society and a sovereign God. Judas was a classic example of suicide. "Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out." (Acts 1:18). Judas had betrayed his best friend with a kiss. (Matthew 26:48-50). Judas could

have asked for and received forgiveness, but he chose suicide. Judas committed his final sin of rebellion against Jesus Christ who loved him as a true friend.

Some people think suicide is an escape from reality. But it doesn't remove one from responsibility to God. "Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them: And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good." (Amos 9:24).

Suicide is another lie and deception of Satan to destroy life. It brings eternal suffering instead of peace. During the Great Tribulation upon earth, men shall attempt suicide and fail. "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. (Rev. 9:6). The Philippian jailer was contemplating suicide when Paul stopped him. (Acts

16:27, 28). He responded, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31). Faith in Jesus Christ is eternally better than suicide. Let Him wash you from your sins in His own blood. (Rev 1:5) Cast all your cares upon Him. He loves and cares for you. (1Pe. 5:7).

Remember, the best is yet to come for all who trust in our Lord Jesus Christ! No matter how bad things become on this earth, Christians always have the abiding presence of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in their hearts and lives. Christians always have that blessed hope that Jesus Christ is coming back to earth again to rule and reign. "...Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen" (Rev. 22:20b). Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

## Singers, actors needed for church productions

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church of Grayling is inviting singers and actors of all ages to join them as they begin work on two productions which will be presented just before Easter.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, March 30 and 31, the choirs of Michelson will be presenting a "Pops Concert" which will feature music that was popular during the 1960's as well as music from the Broadway Stage. Both the Chancel Choir and the Kid's Choir will be performing in this concert. Anyone who is interested in singing with the choirs for this

concert is cordially invited to do so.

Concert Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir are each Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Rehearsals last for about an hour. The Chancel choir will be singing the score from "South Pacific" for the concert.

The Michelson Kid's Choir which is made up of students from grades 3 through 8 meets each Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. Any student who would like to sing in the concert is welcome to attend rehearsals. The Kid's Choir will be performing scenes from the Broadway Musical "Oliver."

Also, the Music Department of Michelson will once again this year present a portrayal of "The Last Supper." This event will take place on Maundy Thursday which is April 12. A few actors are still needed to complete the production. Very little is required of actors for "The Last Supper."

Primary requirements are being able to remain absolutely still for about 2 minutes, be able to memorize a paragraph or two and to have a beard. Anyone interested in participating in "The Last Supper" is invited to call the church at 348-2974.

## Senior Companion Program seeks volunteers

The Senior Companion Program is looking for new volunteers. Senior Companions can be found doing what friends do for friends - assisting with grocery shopping, preparing and sharing a meal, helping with the bills, offering a lift to the doctor, talking about old times and new challenges,

and easing loneliness. By doing so, the homebound person is able to maintain a higher level of independent living.

Senior Companions also provide respite services for those caring for a loved one at home. Often times the family member of caregiver needs a break from the rigors of care giving or to simply take care of daily business. The Senior Companion helps provide this opportunity.

Volunteers are age 60 or older, have an income of \$10,438 for a household of one or \$14,063 for a household of two. Adjustments of 15% are allowed if there are high medical expenses for the applicant.

There are no educational requirements to be a volunteer.

Volunteers are needed for all twelve counties of Northeast Michigan: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. Direct benefits for the volunteers are a non-taxable stipend for a 20 - hour week, training, transportation reimbursement, excess liability insurance, and an annual physical.

Anyone interested in becoming involved as a Senior Companion, please call (517) 356-3474, ext 260 or (517) 739-2974 or toll-free at (877) 222-9043, ext. 260.

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Our Creator made sure our canine friend's coat grew even thicker than usual to protect him in this chilly habitat, for God loves all of His creatures. Luke 24 tells us, "Consider the ravens: they neither reap nor sow... and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!"

Is it not soul-warming to have the assurance that our Father knows our needs even before we ask; that He will protect us and help us find a solution to any challenge if we let Him?

Visit your local church or synagogue this week. Share your concerns with God. Remember... "no creature is hidden" from God.

## No Creature is Hidden



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 17:1-26	Luke 8:1-21	Luke 8:22-39	Luke 8:40-56	Acts 9:1-25	Acts 9:26-43	Acts 10:1-33

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Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

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Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 pm

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Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 8:00 am  
Family Mass ..... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays) ..... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses  
Wednesday & Fridays ..... 8:30 am

### First Baptist Church of Frederic

Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
Blessing Radio (Internet)  
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### Resurrection Life Church

Pastor Jimmie McWatters  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
231-536-7933 • [jmcwat@freeway.net](mailto:jmcwat@freeway.net)  
Sunday Services ..... 11:00 am



## Furst - Hughes Engaged



**Sarah Elizabeth Furst and James Lawrence Hughes, Jr.**

Mark and Teresa Furst of Grayling are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Elizabeth to James Lawrence Hughes, Jr. the son of James and Peggy Hughes of Roscommon and formerly of Tucson, Arizona.

Sarah is a 1995 graduate of Grayling High School and a 1999 graduate of Ferris State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology. James is a

1998 graduate of Ferris State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

The couple currently resides in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where James is a South Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper, and Sarah is a Medical Technologist at Conway Hospital.

An October 13, 2001 wedding to be held in Grayling is being planned.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Thought for your week ahead: Reach for the sky because if you should happen to miss, you'll still be among the stars.

A special note to remember: We will be presenting a special video seminar program on February 7th at the Center on Alzheimer's disease. At 12:15, Elouise Mize will present the seminar. This program is designed to educate seniors and others about the early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, patient risk factors, diagnosis and treatments available. Valuable information will be distributed to all attendees.

The menu is listed Lunch/Dinner.

Jan. 25 - Turkey and Dressing/ Sweet and Sour Pork; Blood Pressures and Blood Sugars taken from 11 to noon; Cardio at 5:30.

Jan. 26 - Swiss Steak/no dinner; Pantry Bingo at 1 and also 80 cent rummy at 1.

Jan. 28 - Sunday Potluck at 3. Bring a dish to pass and tableware, plus your appetite.

Jan. 29 - Macaroni & Cheese with

Hot Dogs/Stuffed Peppers; Stag cards at 12, Bridge Club at 1 and Hangman at 5:30.

Jan. 30 - Chicken ala King/Ham; Dominoes at 12:30; Euchre Club at 1.

Jan. 31 - Fish/Oven Pork; Exercises and Line dancing at 10 & 11; Stag Cards at 12:30.

Feb. 1 - Pork Steak/Pot Roast; Blood pressures and sugars taken from 11 to noon; Pinochle Club at 1.

Our Congregate Dining Program consists of two meals, Monday through Thursday and one on Friday.

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal.

Please try to call for reservations at 517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for, however, walk-ins are more than welcome.

Thought to leave you with: Learn from the mistakes of others, for you don't have enough time to make them all yourself.

## P.I.T. STOP

### Grayling Middle School News

#### Submitted by the Parent Improvement Team

The middle school ski team did great at a ski meet last week. The boys took second and the girls took third out of seven schools.

The 7th grade boys basketball teams will host Roscommon on Monday, January 29. The 8th grade teams will play at Roscommon on Monday night. Good luck!

The middle school sponsored an activity night on Thursday, January 18. It was a big success.

MEAP tests start next week for the 7th and 8th grades. Testing will take place from January 22 through February 9. Please make sure your child eats a good breakfast and gets

plenty of rest. Try not to schedule any appointments during this time, since classes can not be interrupted for any reason.

Terra Nova testing for 6th graders will also take place during this time.

The 6th graders will be having a "Snow Day" on January 26 at Hanson Hills from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This should be a nice break from testing. Please make sure they bring warm clothes to school that day.

The middle school is always looking for parent volunteers, if you can spare an hour or two, please call Nancy at the middle school, 344-3558, and leave her your name and number.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 40 complaints during the week of January 14-20:

Two traffic accidents, four private property accidents, one traffic control, one motorist assist, one misdemeanor arrest, two civil complaints, three larcenies, one UDAA, one

malicious destruction of property, two domestics, one juvenile complaint, three assists to other departments, one false alarm, one fire complaint, one attempt to locate, five disturbance complaints, four suspicious situations, and six unclassified complaints. Five traffic warnings were also issued.

## OBITUARIES

### Gladys M. Smith

Jan. 13, 1926 - Jan. 13, 2001

Gladys Marie Smith, 75, of Mount Clemens and formerly of Grayling, died at her home on January 13, 2001.

Mrs. Smith was born January 13, 1926 in Clay County, Tennessee, the daughter of Newton and Mattie (Cary) Cherry. She was married to Charles Smith on December 22, 1945 in Tipton, Indiana.

Gladys spent her leisure time with her grandchildren; she also spent time bowling and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, her brother, Lawrence and her sister, Iva.

Survivors include: four daughters, Carolyn (Kenneth) Wilske of Grayling, Alberta (Steve) Bago of Mount Clemens, Deborah Hamlin of Mount Clemens and Rhonda Smith of Grayling; two brothers, Clarence Cherry of Eastpointe and Delbert Cherry of Okeechobee, Florida; thirteen grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, January 17, 2001, 10:30 a.m. at Murphy and Hauss Funeral Directors, Macomb Township. The Rev. Marion Pohly officiated.

Burial took place in Clinton Grove Cemetery, Clinton Township.

### Constance J. Ennis

Mar. 14, 1937 - Jan. 13, 2001

Constance J. Ennis, 63, of Grayling, died at her home on January 20, 2001.

Ms. Ennis was born March 14, 1937 in Detroit, to Gerald J. and Bertha Adella (Pratt) Small.

Ms. Ennis worked for Scaff Carpet and Furniture for 23 years in Flint, before retiring in 1995. She then moved to Grayling to care for her mother. Ms. Ennis spent leisure time fishing, gardening and going to garage sales. She also worked for the local Dial - A - Ride through the Family Independence Agency.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include: one son Micheal L. (Melody) Vojinov Sr. of Phoenix, Arizona; four grandchildren, Ivonne (Mike) Boggs of Mt. Morris; Micheal L. Vojinov, Jr. of Gaines; Derek E. Vojinov of Phoenix, Arizona; Gerald J. Vojinov of Phoenix, Arizona; and five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Dalbert G. (Arlene) Small of Florida; John P. (Cathryn) Small of Phoenix Arizona and David M. (Janet) Small of Grayling.

Funeral services were held January 23, 2001 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Pastor Dale Hammond officiated; burial in Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Memorials can be made to Mercy Amicare Hospice of Grayling.

### Georgia J. McDonald

Nov. 19, 1929 - Jan. 17, 2001

Georgia June McDonald, 71, of Grayling, died January 17, 2001 at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

Georgia was born in Onaway to Dave and Ida (Reid) Green on November 19, 1929. She married her husband, Neil McDonald on April 15, 1949 at the United Methodist Church in Onaway.

Mrs. McDonald lived in Grayling for the past 10 years after moving from Tustin, California. Georgia, a home-maker, was also a lifelong member of the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three sisters and one brother.

Survivors include: two daughters, Sandra McDonald of Grayling and Michelle (Denny) Springer of Grayling; one granddaughter, Shelly (Bill) Converse of Battle Creek; two grandsons, Travis Parkinson of Grayling and Michael McDonald of East Lansing; one great-grandson, Jake Converse of Battle Creek; and special friends, Judy Banda and Dr. K. Ramaswamy of Grayling.

Memorial services will be held Saturday January 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chagnon Funeral Home in Onaway, with Jeff Badger officiating. Visitations will be from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Inurnment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Millersburg.

Memorials should be sent to the Onaway Ambulance Equipment Fund or Mercy Hospital, 1100 East Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI, 49738.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 61 calls for the three week period of January 15-21:

One burglary/home invasion, two larceny, three damage to property, four public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL;

One driving violations/DWLS etc., one health and safety (animal control), four miscellaneous criminal offense;

Three delinquent minors, 16 traffic accidents, one traffic violations (civil infractions), two false alarm activations;

One accidental fire, one motor vehicle inspection, one property inspection, three civil matter disputes-family trouble, three suspicious situations;

11 general non-criminal, one marijuana possession, one driving on revoked/suspended license.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 24, 2001 through January 30, 2001:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafe firing conducted.

Range 15, located South of the main post, bounded on the West by Cadillac Road and on the East by Carrier Road.

Range 17, located South of the main post, North of Carrier Road, East of range 13 and West of Beaver Creek (Military Road).

The Range 30 Complex, located North of North Down River Road, East of Jones Lake Road, South of CR 612, and West of Bald Hill

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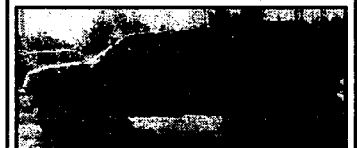
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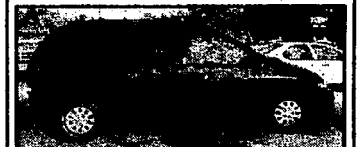
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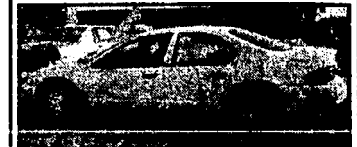
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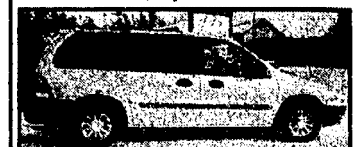
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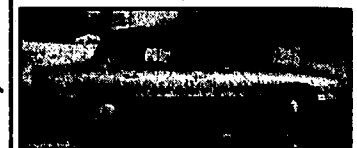
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## Kirtland receives two performing arts grants

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) and Kirtland Youth Theatre have each received grants from the Michigan Council for the Performing Arts, totalling \$42,350, to help finance their cultural programs.

KCPA received a \$21,350 grant to help finance the 2001 Winter/Spring Performing Arts Series. The series includes "Riders in the Sky Holiday Spectacular" which was performed on December 2, 2000; "Gaelic Storm" on February 10, "Behind the Broken Words" on March 10, "Gary Puckett" on April 21; "Three Men and a Tenor" on May 12; and "Frank Gorshin" on June 16.

Kirtland Youth Theatre, the educational wing of the KCPA, received a \$21,000 grant to help finance the 2000-2001 Youth Theatre Season. The season of

shows includes "Kapoot," which was presented on October 27, 2000; Michel Lauziere on November 17, 2000; "A Christmas Carol" on December 15, 2000; "The Beauty Machine," which will be performed on March 16; and "Coyote Tales," which will be performed on April 27.

Each show consists of three performances for area youth on the campus of Kirtland Community College, as well as residency activities in several area schools. This program involves over 12,000 area youth per year and introduces them to professional theatre, mime, music, dance, science, and story-telling events.

All grant applications were evaluated through a peer-panel review process that culminated with recommendations made to the Michigan Council for Arts and

Cultural Affairs, an agency within the Department of Consumer & Industry Services (CIS).

Awards were based on geographic distribution, diversity, balance among funding programs, offerings to under-served communities, and delivery of quality programming and services to all Michigan residents.

These grants require matching funds from other public and private sources.

"The quality of this year's grant applications was outstanding. We believe strongly that the programs and services this year's grantees provide will improve the overall quality of life for Michigan families," said CIS Director Kathleen Wilbur. "Once again, Michigan is leading the way and continues as a national leader for total state arts support."

## Grayling Secretary of State office to close for facelift

The Grayling Secretary of State branch office, located in the Mini Mall, will be closed for remodeling on Thursday and Friday, February 8-9. The office will close at the end of business on Wednesday, February 7 and reopen for business on Monday, February 12 at 9 a.m.

Anyone who must do business with the Secretary of State during the time this branch office is closed may go to one of the following branch offices:

- In Gaylord - 829 W. Main Street; hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; phone (517) 732-1413.

- In Roscommon - 110 Union Street; hours 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; phone (517) 275-5431.

- In Kalkaska - located in the Northland Plaza; hours the same as Roscommon office; phone (231) 258-9166.

The Secretary of State regrets this inconvenience, but expects the remodeling to result in improved service at the Grayling branch office.

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Jessica Lynn Besaw of Roscommon announces the arrival of Betty Ann Jean Besaw born

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John and Bonnie McLeod of Roscommon announce the arrival of Savannah Kay Marie McLeod born January 13, 2001.

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## AuSable Shriners install new officers



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AuSable Shriners' High Priest and Prophet Walt Johnson administered the oath of office to incoming President Fred Campbell, Treasurer Robert Young, and Secretary Jim Burch on January 8. The installation dinner was held at Shoppenagon's Inn, with entertainment provided by Howard Taylor, director, and the Michelson Singers (Bruce Schroeder, Gloria Taylor, Ken Louchart, Bonnie Smith, Paul Smith, Donna Pettyjohn, Arnie Stancil and Cecelia Southard). Pictured, from left, are Robert Young, Diane Tompkins-Burch, Fred Campbell, Carole Campbell, Jim Burch, Walt Johnson and Sandy Johnson. (Not pictured - Treasurer's wife, Shirley Young.)

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## County signs six-month trial contract with shelter board

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After discussing different ways of approaching the issue, including keeping track of animals brought in by the new animal control officer to determine the county's actual responsibility to the shelter board, the commissioners agreed to the six-month contract with an evaluation of real numbers come June 1. "When we have some numbers of how many animals are picked up, we will have a better understanding of what our obligations really are," remarked Beth Wieland representing District 5.

The board discussed how to set a fair price for boarding the animals brought in by the county and not dropped off at the shelter by the public.

County Prosecutor John Huss said he has asked Animal Control Officer (ACO) Laura Ross to keep a log of the animals she picks up to get an idea of how many animals are involved and provide the board with a monthly report. Huss said Ross has picked up seven animals within the first 15 days of work. District 3 Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman interjected that she learned from the former shelter director that, in the past, law enforcement would bring in, on average, three to five dogs "tops" per month and that the officers were not in the habit of picking up stray cats, which could account for what seems to be an increase in animal control activity.

County Controller Paul Compo commented he felt it would be more prudent to go with the shorter contract until the county has more records to look at and suggested the amount of \$6,000 for the six-month period.

The commissioners also tried to determine how the section on euthanasia of animals will affect the shelter's mission. "There's a lot of different variables we don't know," Compo said, then added that under the new ordinance the county is not responsible for the boarding expenses of animals kept after seven days because the law allows for euthanasia at that point. "If the animal is euthanized, that certainly is a county issue, especially if the animal has an owner. If the animal has tags but is not wearing tags, how are we going to get hold of them?" Compo asked.

Wieland and Corlew also questioned whether more money wouldn't be warranted if the shelter board is keeping records on animals brought in by the county and continues to sell licenses. "There are a lot of different variables and we're coming across more as we speak," Compo answered.

"We might find out that \$5,000 is not enough and have to re-negotiate," Corlew said. "I really feel we need to sit down by June 1 with the numbers so we can be ready for our June meeting."

County Chairman Scott Hanson

asked for additional comments from the commissioners. With that, Pinkelman said she could agree with the six-month contract and said to Porter and ousted shelter director Dixie Lobsinger, who was also in attendance, "I just hope this can be worked out on both sides of what is going on. It makes it difficult for us."

Corlew asked for a motion to allow public comment on the issue, the board agreed and Hanson asked if there was anyone who wished to comment. Porter voiced his agreement with the commissioners to keep track of the amount of animals brought in and said this is the first time his board is working with an ACO, new shelter board members, as well as other changes. He said, "We want to keep track of things. We want to be fair to both sides." Porter said the reason for the request of \$6,000 instead of \$5,000 for six months was to defray the cost of insurance and indemnity required by the shelter board's lease with the Road Commission for Crawford County.

Hanson advised Porter that the county will need to sit down sooner than June 1 with the shelter board and have "a better working relationship, because with the new ordinance, new animal control officer... nobody knows how it is going to work out. There's a lot of things that need to be worked out. There's the controversy involved with everything that's been in the newspapers; I don't know when that is going to be worked out."

Hanson continued, "And, I guess I gotta ask this, Joe. The problems with the membership that have been in the paper... like letters to the editor; and, I tried to mediate this thing and you can't figure out what's here, what's there. Can you give us any insight as to when meetings are going to be held or when the membership rolls are going to be straightened out?"

Porter responded, "I think right

now, it's all under discussion at this time."

"I am kind of a stickler for the law," Hanson said, "and, I am not a former director supporter or an animal shelter board supporter. I'd just like to make sure that things are done right. And, I personally cannot speak for the board on this specific issue... but, if the board is holding meetings without notifying the membership of when and where the meetings are, the board is wrong. And, that would be true if it was the Rotary Club, the Booster Club... all these ones that are organized under the same non-profit rules and regulations that the animal board is, so that's something that you guys need to look at."

Porter did not respond any further to the questions of meeting times and membership, but instead spoke about how the shelter board is working hard to keep adopting out the animals in its care and to use euthanasia as a last resort. At this time, Porter said, there is no one at the shelter authorized to euthanize. Hanson asked whether ACO Ross could perform that function and Porter reminded him that Ross works for the county, not the shelter board. He contended that the fate of any animal depends on if it is an "adoptable" animal after the state mandated seven-day holding period is exhausted.

Porter said before there was an ACO, there were some animals kept at the shelter for over a year. "We're going to adopt as much as possible."

Wieland added that she is a shelter volunteer, has contributed in the past, and according to the shelter's by-laws, she is a member. Pinkelman remarked that, she too, is a contributor and therefore a member.

The county board voted unanimously to contract for six months in the amount of \$6,000 on a trial basis, with an evaluation after five months.

## Prosecutor confirms to County: private practice days are over

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Huss states that subsequent to March 1, 2000, he has not appeared in court for a private

client except on several occasions when he attended court briefly "to enter settlements, or the like, on the record." He states that at the onset of his full time duties as the County Prosecutor he contended with some clients who, despite his instructions not to do so, would show up at the courthouse during his regular working hours. He states in most of those cases, he was able to meet with them after work and assured the Board the problem was resolved by early fall of 2000.

The Prosecutor advised the Board his only phone number is his home phone number which carries no attorney designation.

He reminded the commissioners of their agreement to allow him to maintain a small practice in his home "restricted to document preparation and consultation with absolutely no court appearances. He said that other than two or three old clients whose cases required a court appearance to record settlements, he has abided by their agreement.

Huss added, and the Board agreed, he may still represent himself, and/or his immediate family (wife and children) if necessary, even if it requires a court appearance.

The Board agreed Huss has not broken their agreement made last year.

"I hope this answers the questions some citizens have asked regarding John's position as County Prosecutor and his agreement with the county," said Corlew.

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## SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Lynette Corlew, at 9:43 a.m. in the County Building on December 20, 2000.

Roll Call: Corlew, Wieland, Golinick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Beardslee.

Absent: None.  
Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.  
Paul Compo - County Controller - Present.  
Others were present at various times.

Moved to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2000 Regular Board Meeting. Moved to accept the agenda as presented.

Moved to authorize the \$50.00 registration fee be paid for any Commissioner interested in attending the New Commissioner Training Workshop sponsored by MSU Extension Service and MAC.

Moved to refer the Library Board's request to waive the county permit fees for the proposed library to the Building & Zoning Director for a recommendation as the department is now a stand alone department and must live within its own revenues.

Moved to accept the proposal from Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc. for liability and property damage insurance coverage for 2001 in the amount of \$36,674.00.

Moved to submit the proposal prepared by Dixie Lobsinger to run the animal shelter to the Prosecutor for guidance and assistance prior to consideration.

Moved to ratify the letter of support by Chairperson Corlew for the grant application submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation - Streetscape Project by the Grayling Township Planning Commission in the amount of \$1,133,000.00.

Moved to authorize the purchase of two more recycling trailers at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.00 from the Environmental Fund.

Moved to execute the 2000/2001 County Child Care Budget Summary with the Family Independence Agency, Child and Family Services, in the amount of \$228,829.00.

Moved to request financial assistance from the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) on the court benefit issue as it could effect every county in the state.

Moved to accept the bid from Dunkley Floor Covering in an amount not to exceed \$4,700.00 contingent on the Court reimbursing the County a minimum of \$2,900.00.

Moved to submit the request from Beaver Creek Township for a waiver in the permit fees for an addition to their Fire Department to the Building and Zoning Director for a recommendation.

commendation.

Moved to authorize payment of the following claims: General Fund - mileage for Duran and Jorgenson, mileage and expense reimbursement for Moore, expense reimbursement for Anderson B. prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices as corrected on the December 8, 2000 report in the amount of \$316,677.23; D.A.R.E. Fund - prepaid voucher and payroll in the amount of \$2,688.46; Environmental control Fund - payroll and open invoice on the December 8, 2000 report in the amount of \$5,958.07; Central Dispatch Fund - prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the December 8, 2000 report in the amount of \$40,844.02; Fish Hatchery Fund - open invoices on the December 8, 2000 report in the amount of \$45.09; Building & Zoning Fund - prepaid voucher, payroll and open invoice on the December 8, 2000 report in the amount of \$13,206.79; and Marriage Counseling Fund - prepaid invoice in the amount of \$169.50.

Approved to accept correspondence as submitted.

Moved to adopt a resolution of concurrence with the 2000/2001 Northeast Michigan Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Report.

Consensus to waive an interview with Mr. Gomez for the Planning Commission as he has appeared previously before the board.

Moved to amend the agenda to accommodate Commissioner Reports at this time.

Moved to adopt a Resolution opposing the relocation of the Forensics Lab and request the State Police honor their original intention as stated when the lease for the City Building was originated.

was originated.

Moved to endorse and support Northern Michigan Substance Abuse, Inc. giving funds for any alcohol-free drug free projects such as graduation parties or proms to any school-affiliated organizations and/or schools in all counties served by NMSAS.

Moved to honor a paid day off to one hourly employee for participation in United Way.

Moved to adopt the Resolution for changing the Commission on Aging MERS benefits to a B-2 plan, with the following riders: V-6, FAC-5, and F55 (15).

Moved to adopt the Resolution for changing Command Offices COAM benefits to a MERS B-3 plan, with the following riders: V-6, FAC-5, and F55 (15 years), F50 (25 years).

Moved to prepare a resolution honoring Frederic Township Constable, Charles Stoddard for his 20 years of service to Frederic Board. Commissioner Hanson volunteered to prepare the resolution.

Moved to request a legal opinion from the Prosecutor on whether an elected commissioner may serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved to amend the agenda to allow the County Housing Commission Director to offer the Milltown Theme Presentation.

Moved to recapture the Milltown Theme monies and establish a Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Relief Fund for county residents.

Moved to accept the recommendation of the Building and Zoning Director that there is no longer a provision to waive permit fees as the Department is now a stand alone department.

Moved to request the Controller draft a policy that fees can no longer be waived as this Department must live within the revenues it generates.

Moved to amend the Animal Control Ordinance, Page 12, Section 4 (b) and page 25, Article XIV, Section 4, to reflect fee correction's from \$5.00 to \$6.00 and \$.50 to \$1.00 respectfully.

Consensus to direct the Controller to adhere to the purchasing policy to administer the purchase of county computer hardware.

Moved to correct the date the Crime Lab moved to Crawford County from 1989 to 1979 on the Resolution opposing the Crime Lab moving from Crawford County.

Moved to allow Magistrate Jean Callewart to purchase one (1) year, (6) months, generic service with the Municipal Employers Retirement System (MERS), provided all cost are paid by the employee.

Consensus to submit a letter to the Court identifying District Court Union Employees are being treated differently than other Court employees and the inconsistency of holiday schedules between the Court and County.

Moved to extend the Animal Shelter Agreement until the January Board meeting and request Prosecutor Huss prepare an agreement between the County Board and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board.

Moved to Appoint Theodore Gomez, Ed Holtcamp, and Wallace Kidwell to the Planning Commission for another three year term, and to readvertise for the one vacant position.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. A full context of the meeting minutes is available in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore  
Clerk/Register of Deeds

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, February 1, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-00648, for the following items:

**ONE (1) 4X4 PICKUP BODY TRUCK  
6100# GVWR MINIMUM**

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "2001 Pickup Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

## Crawford County Library Notice General Contract Bids

The Crawford County Library Board will be releasing General Contract Bid Documents for the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on February 7, 2001, to a pre-qualified list of General Contractors. Bids will be received on February 28, 2001 on or before 2:00 p.m. at the office of Riebschleger and O'Brien Architects, P.C. in Houghton Lake, Michigan. Public Bid Openings will be at the same location on February 28, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.

Plans and specifications will be available for review at the following locations:

Riebschleger and O'Brien Architects, P.C.  
Bayshore Engineering, Inc.  
Crawford County Courthouse  
Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan in Traverse City

Barbara Clark Greene, President  
Library Board  
January 15, 2001

## NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN LUZERNE WEST OPPORTUNITY AREA WILDLIFE PROJECT

The Mio Ranger District is proposing to implement the Luzerne West Opportunity Area Wildlife Project. This project includes the following actions: wildlife opening improvement project for the fiscal years 2002 through 2005. The district proposes that approximately 367 acres of opening habitat will be improved in 114 stands in the Luzerne West Opportunity Area. Felling or girdling encroaching woody vegetation and mowing will accomplish this work. Part of this project is located in Crawford County Township 25 north, Range 1 west section 1 and Township 26 north, Range 1 west sections 23, 25, 26, 27, 35, and 36. The other part of this project is located in Oscoda County Township 25 north, Range 1 east sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and Township 26 north, Range 1 east sections 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 35. An environmental analysis is currently being conducted for this proposed project. Please contact Joe Gomola for additional information on this proposal at 401 N. Court St., Mio, MI, 48647, or by phone at (517) 826-3252, TTY (517) 826-3592.

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## CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is presently accepting applications for a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in applying regulations that effect land use for Zoning in Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings held every third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk, Sandra Moore no later than February 8, 2001 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday January 30, 2001, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

CASE:2001-1 RICHARD BROWN & CHRISTIANE HOWES, petitioners  
P.O. Box 1063  
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code: 20-040-40-008-15-125-04  
Sites 1,2,3 & 4 of AuSable Country Acres  
Location: 1537 E M-72 Hwy  
Section 8, T26N, R2W

A request to re-zone from Single Family Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (C-1) for the purpose of moving existing cedar log furniture business (Broken Arrow Log Products) to this location and other commercial businesses allowable in the C-1 zone.

Case files, zoning ordinance and maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI. 49738. Phone (517) 348-6713 or Fax (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

## NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN WEST END OPPORTUNITY AREA WILDLIFE PROJECT

The Mio Ranger District is proposing to implement the West End Opportunity Area Wildlife Project. This project includes the following actions: wildlife opening improvement project for the fiscal years 2002 through 2005. The district proposes that approximately 72 acres of opening habitat will be improved in 25 stands in the West End Opportunity Area. Felling or girdling encroaching woody vegetation and mowing will accomplish this work. This project is located in Crawford County Township 26 north, Range 2 west sections 25, 26, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36. An environmental analysis is currently being conducted for this proposed project. Please contact Joe Gomola for additional information on this proposal at 401 N. Court St., Mio, MI, 48647, or by phone at (517) 826-3252, TTY (517) 826-3592.

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## CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is presently accepting applications for a position on the County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in the housing stock for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings. The county prefers some banking knowledge. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk, Sandra Moore no later than February 8, 2001 at 4:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## FREDERIC TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS

The Frederic Township Board is requesting citizens who are interested in sitting on the Board of Review to please submit a letter of intent to Supervisor: Ronald Lewis P.O. Box 78, Frederic, Michigan 49733 before February 12, 2001.

Ronald Lewis  
Township Supervisor

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Road Commission in conjunction with the Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling will be holding a Public Hearing January 18, 2001 @ 11:00a.m. at the Crawford County Road Commission office in Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI. 49738-0648.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed projects for TEA 21 funding.

Upon completion the Board will take the recommended proposed projects to the Task Force for Consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Road Commission Office should any questions arise. Road Commission phone (517) 348-2281 or fax (517) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Road Commission for Crawford County, Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling.

# LEGAL ACTION

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John A. Cottenham and Joanna C. Cottenham, Husband And Wife, to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, mortgagee, dated October 28, 1993 and recorded October 28, 1993 in Liber 367, Page 572, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six and 4/100 Dollars (\$122,486.04) including interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 19, 20 and 21, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records. Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: January 11, 2001  
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture,  
As Mortgagee

2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 211.0018

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## SYNOPSIS Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting of January 10, 2001

Members Present: Tom Hall, Janice Annis, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.  
Members Absent: Ruth O'Mara  
Others Present: Steve Langseth, Randy Frykberg, Wayne Nelson, John Wotringer.  
Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.  
Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve the minutes of December 13, 2000 as presented. Ayes: four, Nays: None, Absent: one. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for December was postponed until February 2001.

Correspondence: (No action required)  
Chamber News, 1-02: 911 Correspondence  
12-21-00 . Re: Equipment Purchase

Agreement, GRA Board minutes.

There were no citizens who wished to speak.

Business:

1. Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Audit Report has been completed by Mickey Perez, CPA. Copies have been distributed to Board Members and forwarded to State Treasury.  
2. Steve Langseth, Capital Consultants, updated the board on progress of CDBG project on Four Mile Road Industrial Park. (Attachment "B")

3. Public Hearing to consider adoption of ordinance regulating activities at the Grayling Township Fish Hatchery Park has been scheduled for February 14th, 2001, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall.

4. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to adopt Employee Policy 2000-01 regarding benefits for part-time employees. (Attachment A). Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

5. Randy Frykberg, Wade-Trim, discussed review and update of Grayling Township Zoning Ordinances. Consensus that the project may be worked into the next fiscal year budget. Mr. Frykberg will present proposal at the March 2001 meeting.

6. Motion by Hall, second by Annis, to authorize Terry Wright to attend MTA Capitol Conference in Lansing on February 27, 2001. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

7. Reports: International Computer Consultants, Neal Michal, submitted Year 2000 MIS Overview. (Attachment "C")

8. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve claims on vouchers 22275-22311. Guardian Dental \$594.89, Board & Comm. fees \$490.00, Liquor Inspections \$75.00 for a grand total of \$82,097.37. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.  
9. Motion to adjourn by Ashton, carried. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one.  
Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Township Clerk

## SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting of January 4, 2001

The Special Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Scott Hanson, at 11:22 a.m. in the County Building on January 4, 2001.

Roll Call: Corlew, Golinick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Wieland.

Absent: Beardslee.  
Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.  
Paul Compo - County Controller - Present.

Others were present at various times.  
Moved to allow a change on Page 5, Article VI, Section 3 of the Animal Control Ordinance.

Moved to designate the rate for animal pick-up in the Animal Control Ordinance, Page 15, Article VI, Section 3, to \$10.00.

Moved to authorize the expense for carpet in both the Circuit and District Courtrooms.

Moved to establish the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Plan, Public Hearing for Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. The Plan will encompass all Crawford County parameters.

Moved to extend the filing deadline for the 2000 Audit for an additional 60 days. The Audit will be filed with the Department of Treasury no later than 180 days after the conclusion of the County fiscal year of September 2000.

Moved to rescind the previous Snowmobile Ordinance J09/502 effective immediately.

Moved to adopt the Snowmobile Ordinance 2001-1 with minor corrections. Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is available in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore  
Clerk/Register of Deeds

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John L. Gay and Catherine E. Gay his wife (original mortgagors) to First Finance, Mortgagee, dated October 10, 1996, and recorded on October 17, 1998 in Liber 419, page 482. Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1996-4, Agreement dated 12-12-96, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399. Assignee by an assignment dated November 27, 2000, which was recorded on December 15, 2000 in Liber 523, page 157. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 54/100 dollars (\$63,699.54), including interest at 14.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 28, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2 Block 26, Roffee's Addition, except 1 foot along the East side of Lot 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 64, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 18, 2001

**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE**

**CALL:**

248-593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200022544

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## SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2001

The Organizational Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by County Clerk Sandra Moore at 10:14 a.m. in the County Building on January 4, 2001.

Roll Call: Golinick, Hanson, Pinkelman, Corlew, Wieland - present.

Absent: Beardslee.  
Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.  
Paul Compo - County Controller - Present.

Others were present at various times.  
Approved to close Chairperson nominations and cast an unanimous vote for Commissioner Hanson as the 2001 Board Chairperson.

Approved to close Vice-Chairperson nominations and cast an unanimous vote for Commissioner Beardslee as the 2001 Board Vice-Chairperson.

Moved to establish the 2001 Regular Board meeting schedule as the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. until all business is completed. March, April and September will be the fourth Wednesdays. The 2001 schedule will be established as follows:

January 17, February 21, March 28, April 23, May 10, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 26, October 17, November 21, December 19.

Moved to establish the following 2001 Committee Board meeting schedule beginning at 9:30 a.m. until all business is completed:

January 11, February 16, March 22, April 23, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 09, September 20, October 11, November 14, December 13.

Approved to add a Judicial Meeting to the Committee of the whole structure and adopt the following committee assignments for 2001:

Assignments	
Representatives	
Emergency Management	Hanson, Beardslee - Liaison
Road Commission	Pinkelman
Public Health	Beardslee, Corlew, Pinkelman
Mental Health	Wieland
Planning & Zoning	Beardslee, Hanson
Soil & Water	Pinkelman
Environmental	Beardslee
Community Corrections	Golinick, Hanson - Alternate
Chamber	Hanson
Youth Services	Wieland
Commission on Aging	Pinkelman
NEMCSA (Alpena)	Beardslee
Family Ind. Agency	Corlew
Strong Family/Safe	Corlew
CC Collaborative Body	Corlew
Economic Dev Fund	Golinick, Hanson
NE MI Consortium (Onaway)	Wieland
NM Substance Abuse (Gaylord)	Pinkelman
Parks Commission	Hanson, Golinick
MI Northern Co.	Wieland, Pinkelman - Alternate
Library	Corlew
NE MI Council of Gov.	Hanson, Wieland - Alternate
Industrial Development	Committee Hanson
Moved to continue to function under the current board rules and procedures and amend Board Rule 8.2 to include the Judicial committee.	
Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.	
A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's office.	
Sandra Moore	County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN SUNRISE OPPORTUNITY AREA WILDLIFE PROJECT

The Mio Ranger District is proposing to implement the Sunrise Opportunity Area Wildlife Project. This project includes the following actions: wildlife opening improvement project for the fiscal years 2002 through 2005. The district proposes that approximately 87 acres of opening habitat will be improved in 12 stands in the Sunrise Opportunity area. Felling or girdling encroaching woody vegetation and mowing will accomplish this work. This project is located in Crawford County Township 26 north, Range 1 west sections 10, 16, 20, 21, 22. An environmental analysis is currently being conducted for this proposed project. Please contact Joe Gomola for additional information on this proposal at 401 N. Court St., Mio, MI, 48647, or by phone at (517) 826-3252, TTY (517) 826-3592.

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## NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOLEY SWAMP OPPORTUNITY AREA WILDLIFE PROJECT

The Mio Ranger District is proposing to implement the Foley Swamp Opportunity Area Wildlife Project. This project includes the following actions: wildlife opening improvement project for the fiscal years 2002 through 2005. The district proposes that approximately 126 acres of opening habitat will be improved in 32 stands in the Foley Swamp Opportunity Area. Felling or girdling encroaching woody vegetation and mowing will accomplish this work. Part of this project is located in Crawford County Township 26 north, Range 1 west sections 11, 12, 13, 14, and 24. The other part of this project is located in Oscoda County Township 26 north, Range 1 east sections 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20. An environmental analysis is currently being conducted for this proposed project. Please contact Joe Gomola for additional information on this proposal at 401 N. Court St., Mio, MI, 48647, or by phone at (517) 826-3252, TTY (517) 826-3592.

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## FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Public Hearing Notice:

On Monday January 29, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. the Frederic Township Planning Commission will be holding the first of its public meetings for the 2001 Calendar year. The meeting will include a Public Hearing on the proposed Frederic Township Master Plan. The location will be at the Frederic Township Hall 7564 Co. Rd. 612 Frederic, MI 49733.

Nancy Bindschatel  
Township Clerk

## NOTICE SKYLINE ROAD RESIDENTS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Per P.A. 188 of 1954, there will be a public hearing held on the special assessment roll for Skyline Road Special Assessment District on Monday, February 12, 2001, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, February 15, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following items:

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Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "2001 Shop Truck Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman  
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Ken Riehle, Commissioner

## GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE POSITION(S)

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is presently accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest and foresight in future planning and development of the Grayling Fish Hatchery. Must be able to make good decisions, be a team player, and participate in monthly meetings held the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore no later than 4:30 p.m., February 8, 2001 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD  
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE  
PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on the twenty-first (21) day of February, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a brownfield redevelopment authority for the County of Crawford, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

Pat Merrill  
Crawford County Environmental Monitor.



## HONORS

### ITT Technical Institute

Thomas W. Cojocar, a graduate of Grayling High School, was recently named to the perfect attendance list at ITT Technical Institute, Grand Rapids.

In order to be named to the perfect attendance list, a student must have zero absences for all classes taken during the quarter. Cojocar plans to graduate with an Associate's Degree in Computer-Aided Drafting and Design Technology.

### Michigan Youth Challenge Academy

Scott Edwin Snyder of Roscommon has graduated from the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, a 22-week resident course designed to help high school dropouts get a GED or high school diploma, improve life skills and improve the chance of employment through military style discipline.

In addition to 400 hours of classroom instruction, cadets receive leadership, self-discipline, physical and vocational training. Cadets also

perform a minimum of 32 hours community service and earn eight hours of college credit from Kalamazoo Community College.

Snyder plans to continue his education, majoring in mechanics; join the U.S. Air Force as a mechanic, then return home and look for work specializing in mechanics.

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy is administered by the Michigan National Guard and is open to any Michigan high school dropout, 16 to 18 years old, without a felony conviction. There is no cost to participate and no obligation to join the military. A new class starts January 30. More information may be found on-line at: [www.state.mi.us/dmva/myacademy](http://www.state.mi.us/dmva/myacademy) or by calling 1-800-372-0523.

### COOR Intermediate School District

In recognition of School Board Recognition Month, the COOR Intermediate School District recently recognized and celebrated the accomplishments of the following

school board members: Crawford AuSable School District - Melvin Nunn, Gary Pettyjohn, John Pilon, Carol Ramaswamy, Marilyn Rosi, Karl Schreiner, James Tobin; COOR Intermediate School District - Lois Byrd of Roscommon, Robert Carpenter of Mio, Bernadine Dosch of Grayling, Charles Jackson of Grayling, William Langendorfer of West Branch, Roderick Martin of Houghton Lake, and Larry Roggow of Mio.

### Madonna University

Mary C. Blaauw, who is majoring in Social Work at Madonna University in Livonia, was named to the Dean's List for this past term.

### Davenport University

Davenport University, Gaylord Center, is proud to announce the following students who have achieved Dean's List honors recognition for the Fall 2000 term: Beverly Andrus, Melanie Hamina, Mark Huffman,

Linda Munsey, Dennis Palmer, Gail Stahl and Linda Stephens.

Students who have earned at least 27 credits, and achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average (GPA), as a Davenport student, are awarded Dean's List honors. Full-time students in a given term, with a 3.5 or better GPA, are also eligible for Dean's List honors.

### Hope College

Lindsey Voelker, Jessica Becks and Erin Patrick were named to the Dean's List at Hope College for the first semester of the 2000-01 school year. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

### Grand Rapids Community College

Danielle McClanahan daughter of Nancy and the late Brock McClanahan of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's List with a 3.923 grade point average.

## DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10

District Health Department #10, Grayling Office, has scheduled the following clinics and classes for February:

Immunization Clinics are scheduled for February 7 and 21.

Family Planning is scheduled for February 6, 13 and 20. Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing will be on February 14 and 28.

WIC Supplement Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children will have classes on February 7-9, 12, 15, 19, 21-22, 26 and 28.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening on February 14 - Call (800) 968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This Program is available to women ages 40 - 64, who have limited or no health insurance.

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OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session.

FREE Hearing and Vision Screenings for ages 3 - 18 by appointment, as scheduled.

Mi Child and Healthy Kids Insurance Programs.

Health Promotion Programs -

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For more information or to make appointments please call 348-7800.

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## Athena, Silver Lining, raffle winner top off Chamber event

(Right) The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2001 Annual Meeting and \$10,000 Raffle included the presentation of the ATHENA Award (named for the Greek goddess of wisdom) to Jill Wyman, longtime owner and operator of the Icehouse Quilt Shop and the Hanson House Bed and Breakfast, both in Grayling. Wyman received the award because she has demonstrated outstanding leadership and achievement, excelled in community service, responded to adversity and, most importantly, encourages the professional development of women. Brad Scheer presented the award to Wyman.

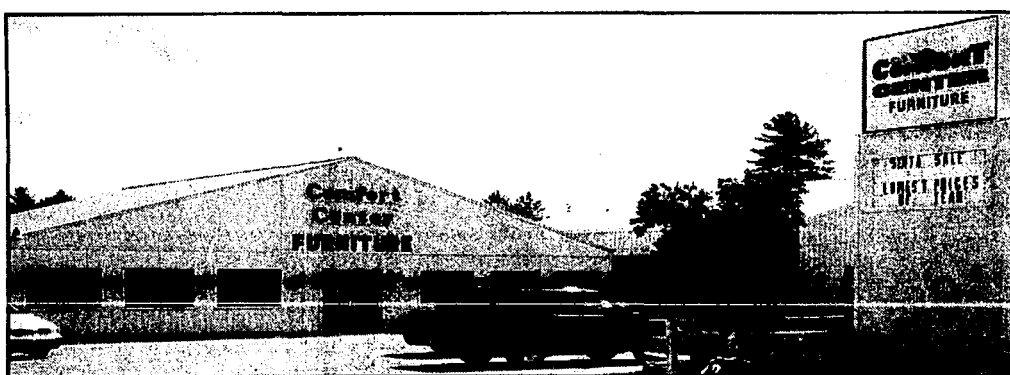


Photo by Linda Golinick



(Left) Soon-to retire Crawford AuSable School's Assistant Superintendent Paul Lerg didn't make it to the annual \$10,000 raffle drawing, but his ticket managed to avoid being drawn until the very end of the evening, therefore making Lerg this year's \$10,000 Chamber Raffle winner. Presenting the prize check to Lerg (right) is Chamber Deputy Director Tim Zigila (left). The Silver Lining Award was presented to the Chamber Member Business that has made the greatest improvement to its building in 2000. The award went to Jack and Missy Millikin, owners of Skip's Sport Shop. (Photo not available)

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## Hospice volunteer training scheduled

Have time on your hands? Want to feel needed and helpful? Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice will be holding Hospice Volunteer Training February 7-8 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Houghton Lake Senior Community Center, 2625 S. Townline Road in Houghton Lake, and February 14-15 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Grayling Amicare Office, 125 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

The service provides in-home care for individuals with life threatening illnesses. Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Amicare service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon and parts of Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties. Volunteers are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, and spiritual care/bereavement counselors.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or companionship. They can also be involved in clerical work, fund raising, public speaking, bereavement and courier service.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics, grief/loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

To register for either trainings or for more information, please contact Sherry Haag at (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday or leave a message with the After Hours Coordinator during non-business hours.



GRAYLING 71-TAWAS 74

VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

GRAYLING 60-TAWAS 63

# Basketball teams fall to Tawas in OT

## Vikings play tough vs. unbeaten Braves

► Seesaw battle between two of the league's best ends in 3-point Tawas win

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team played a great game against the unbeaten Braves of Tawas in Grayling last week, but lost in overtime by a final score of 74-71.

The match, which featured two of the best teams in the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) so far this season, was close all the way through. Grayling had a 4-1 league record going into the contest (5-3 overall), and the Braves were 4-0 in the NEMC (8-0 overall).

The Vikings scored first on a tip-in by Marcus Marelich. Tawas answered with a triple. The Vikings then scored six unanswered points on a put-back by Levi Burkett, a jumper by Marelich, and a jump shot by Burkett.

After two free throws by Tawas, the Vikings put four more points on the board with a jumper by R.J. Schmidt (assisted by Marcus Bobenmoyer) and a drive by Brad Gorski on a pass by Burkett.

Down 12-5, Tawas scored a triple and a shot inside to pull within two. A short jumper by Gorski put the Vikings back up by four. After a jump shot by Tawas, Burkett answered for Grayling at the other end. Tawas scored a basket inside and a three-pointer to take a 17-16 lead.

A jumper by Burkett gave the one-point lead back to Grayling.

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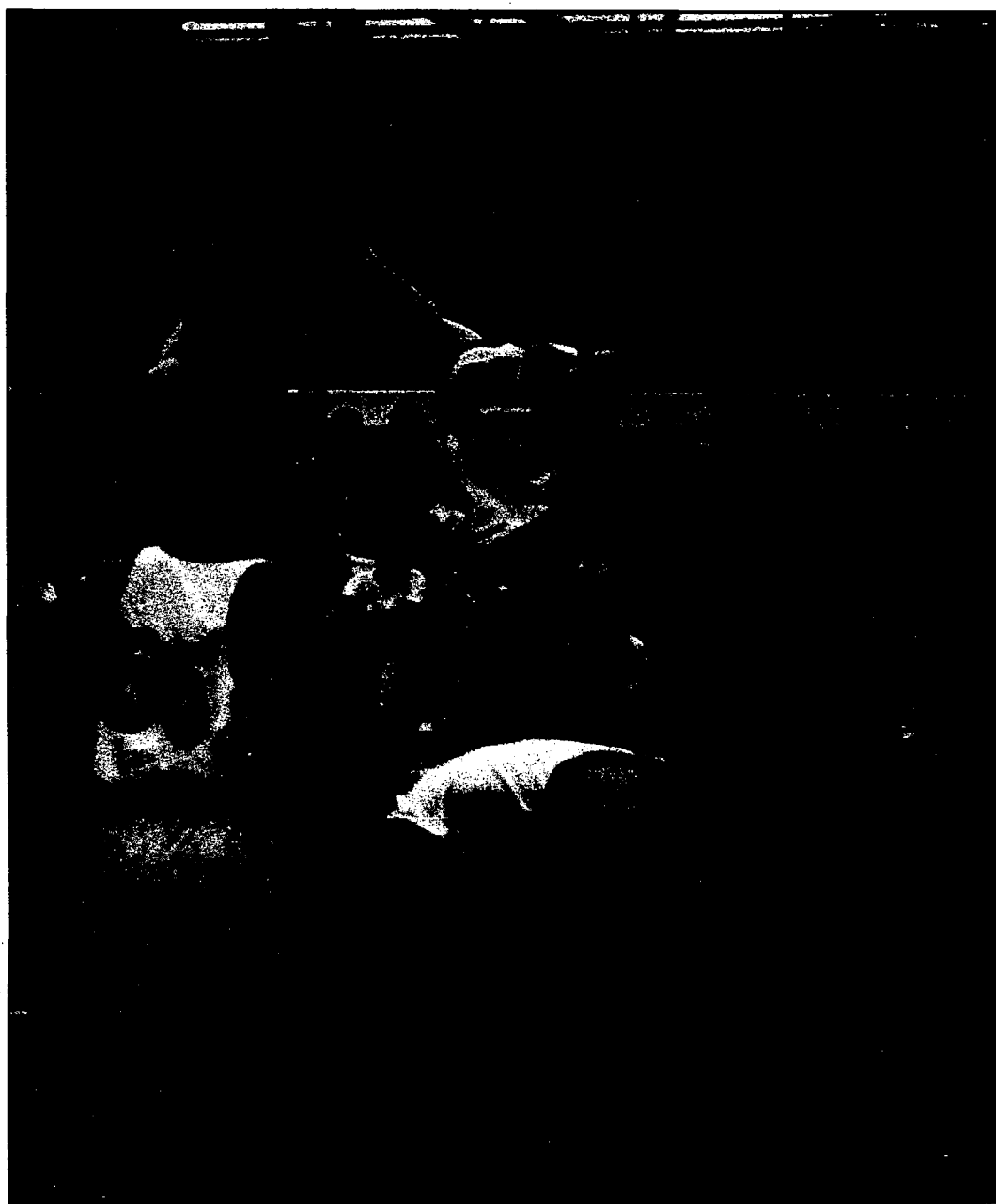


Photo by Caleb Casey

Marcus Bobenmoyer goes up for a rebound in last Friday's overtime loss to Tawas.

# JV squad unable to stem comeback

► Tawas Braves force Grayling into overtime, finish 3 ahead of Vikings

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team lost in overtime to the visiting Braves of Tawas last Friday in Grayling, after the Braves came back from a 20-point halftime deficit to force an extra period.

The Vikings started out well, scoring the first three buckets of the game to take a 6-0 lead early in the first period. The baskets included a short jumper by Jessie Gildner, a shot off the glass by Adam Kaiser, and a put-back by Joe Zelek.

A triple by Kaiser at the 4:50 mark put Grayling up 9-2, and free throws by Roy Czapek and Kaiser gave GHS a 12-3 lead.

The Vikings played aggressive defense, keeping a flat Tawas team from gaining any momentum. Grayling also rebounded well on the defensive end to limit Tawas' chances for second shots.

Grayling opened the second quarter with free throws by Kaiser, and Czapek and a lay-up by Gildner (assisted by Chris Wakeley). Tawas scored four points to cut Grayling's lead to nine, 17-8.

The Vikings then scored nine unanswered points on a shot off the glass by Czapek, a free throw

by Zelek, a put-back by Greg Morrill, and a put-back and a jumper by Wakeley. The Vikings led by 18, 26-8, with 2:20 left in the first half.

A fast break lay-up by Wakeley on a long pass by Morrill put GHS up by 19, 28-9. Three free throws (out of six attempts) by Tawas pulled the Braves within 16. A jumper and a lay-up by Wakeley in the last minute of the first half gave Grayling a 20-point lead at halftime, 32-12.

Tawas played like a different team after halftime. GHS opened the second half with two free throws, Tawas answered, then Kaiser hit a jump shot to put Grayling back up by 22. The Braves then scored seven unanswered points, including three on a shot, to pull within 15.

Shots inside by Zelek and Morrill extended Grayling's lead up to 18, 40-22. In the last minute of the third quarter, Tawas hit another triple, Zelek scored a bucket inside, the Braves hit a jump shot, and Wakeley put in a free throw to leave Grayling's lead at 14 going into the fourth quarter, 43-29.

Tawas opened the fourth period with a jumper and a triple. Tawas hit another three-pointer at the 5:27 mark to shrink Grayling's lead down to eight, 45-37. Tawas scored another jump shot and another shot from downtown to pull within five, 47-42, with 4:20 left in regulation.

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VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY/FRESHMAN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

# Varsity girls defeat Gladwin

► JV, freshman teams fall to G's; varsity volleyball squad wins 2-1

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity girls volleyball team defeated the visiting Flying G's of Gladwin in Grayling last Wednesday in a best-of-three set. The Vikings won the first game 15-7, lost the second match 16-18, and won the rubber game 16-14.

The junior varsity and freshman volleyball teams also played against Gladwin's JV and freshman squads on Wednesday. Grayling's JV team lost to the G's 15-8 and 15-13. The freshman team lost to Gladwin two games to one.

After the JV and freshman contests, the varsity squads took the floor for a conference match-up.

With Kristy Hulbert serving to start the game, Grayling scored two points, including one on an ace by Hulbert. Gladwin scored a point, then Grayling got one more on an ace by server Emily Fox. The G's then tied the game at 3-3.

A well-placed tap shot by Lori Hinkle at the net got Grayling the ball back. With Jamie Dent serving, Grayling scored on an ace by Dent, a shot up front by Hinkle, and another ace by the server to put the Vikings up 6-3.

Grayling held off Gladwin's serving chances, then put five more points on the board with Hinkle serving, including three aces by Hinkle and a nice block up front by Arica Wolcott.

With Grayling up 11-3, the G's scored three to pull within five.

The Vikings scored one point on Ashley Wolcott's serve to take a 12-6 lead. Gladwin scored one, then the Vikings answered with an ace by Hulbert. After a few scoreless serving chances, the Vikings finished the game on Dent's serve to win the match 15-7.

Game two was a close match all the way through. Grayling scored first on an ace by the server, Hulbert. Gladwin tied it, then Grayling scored two on Arica Wolcott's serve, including one ace. The G's scored one point to pull back within one. The Vikings

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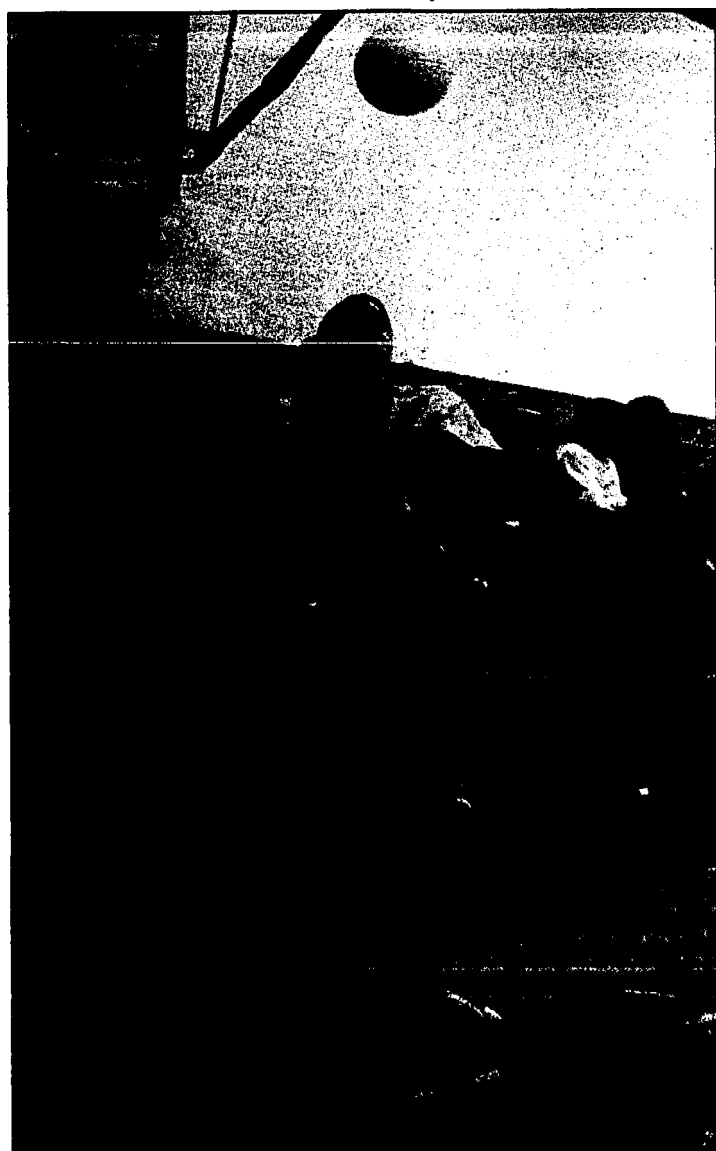


Photo by Caleb Casey

Senior Emily Fox serves for Grayling's varsity squad.

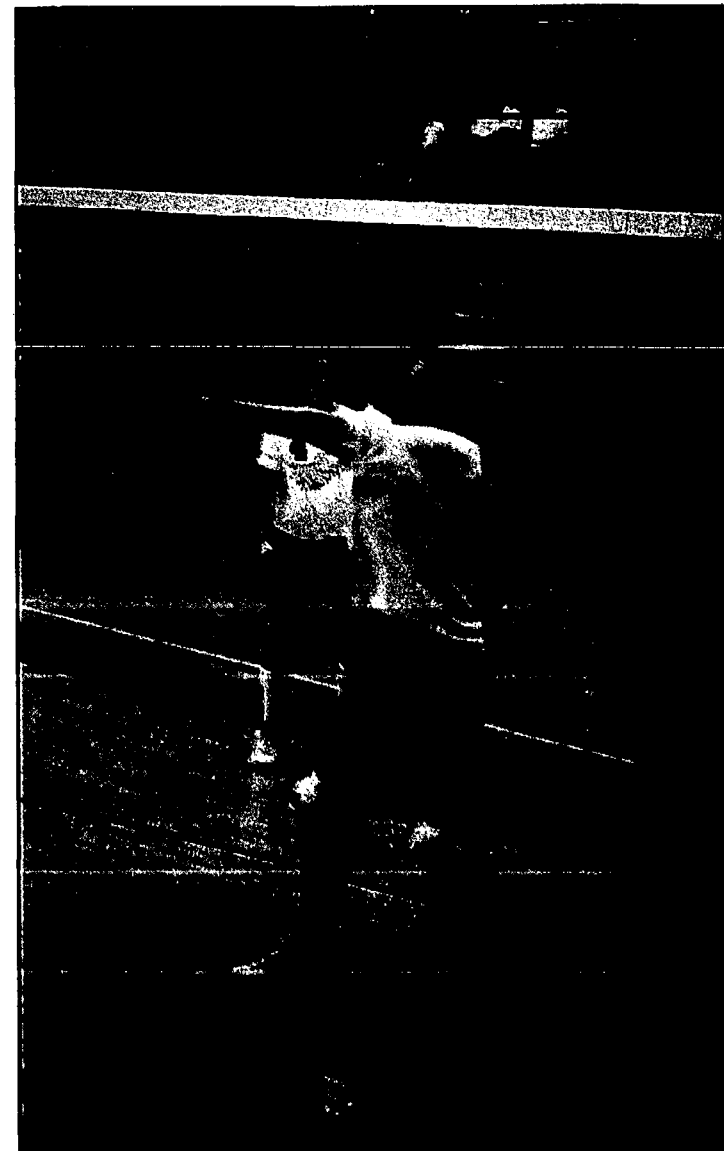


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Lori Ellis keeps the ball alive for the JV team.



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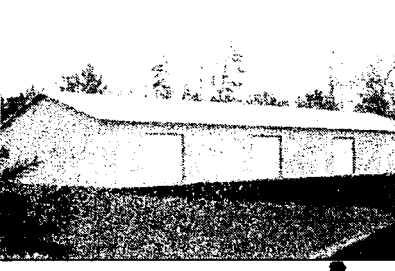
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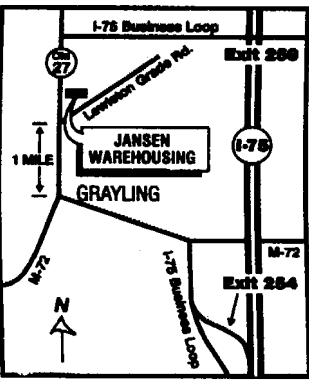
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Class Size: 10 student limit

Course will repeat again: February 26 and March 5 & 12

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(The healing of body, mind and spirit)

Date: January 29 through March 19, 2001 at GHS

Instructor: Bryant Meyers (certified through Kaye Thomas-Hogan)

Course: 8 Weeks

Day: Monday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$90.00 (\$50.00 for both)

Class Size: 20 student limit

DESCRIPTION: Holistic medicine focuses on healing body, mind and spirit. Topics will include nutrition, herbology, supplements, clean water, air, sunshine, fasting, relaxation, positive thinking and affirmations, prayer, meditation and most importantly - LAUGH-TER.

Mr. Meyers has presented regular segments for Public Television on Health and Nutrition, wrote a book entitled "Love it or Lose it" on health and humor. He has performed several stand-up comedy routines, and is currently writing a book on Humor and Laughter. Also, he has been studying and practicing Holistic Health for 8 years. Mr. Meyers is also an ordained minister and a certified Hatha Yoga instructor.

**Intermediate To Advanced Computers**

Date: Beginning January 24 at GHS (see below)

Instructor: Terri Snyder & Ron Joyce

Course: 2 Weeks

Day: Wednesday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$25.00 per class or \$85.00 for all 4 classes

Class Size: 20 student limit

Class I - Wordperfect - January 24 & 31

Class II - Excel - February 7 & 14

Class III - Access - February 21 & 28

Class IV - Powerpoint - March 7 & 14

(Internet and e-mail will be addressed 1/2 hour per class session.)

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES:

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Course: 2 Weeks

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Class Size: 10-12 student limit

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**Hatha Yoga**

Date: January 29 through March 19, 2001 at GHS

Instructor: Bryant Meyers

Course: 8 Weeks

Day: Monday - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00 (\$50.00 for both)

Class Size: 20 student limit

DESCRIPTION: This form of Yoga, the most popular in the United States, involves physical postures (asanas) and breathing techniques (pranayama). These practices form the bulk of Hatha Yoga - the yoga of force - which emphasizes strengthening and purifying the body.

**Adult Painting Class**

Date: February 5, 2001 at GHS

Instructor: Dean Worden


Course: 8-10 Weeks

Day: Monday and Wednesday - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Fee: \$60.00 plus materials (\$40.00 or less)

Class Size: 15 student limit

Acrylic, Oils, or Watercolor. The class will focus on color theory, cool and warm colors, working with light and working on masters style and technique. Also to enhance your own style of painting. You will need to provide your own brushes, paints and canvas or paper.



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# GHS skiers win four at Silver Ridge

## Boys, girls teams victorious over Farwell, Harrison

► Grayling's Matt Ginther wins all four races in the boys competition

The GHS boys and girls ski teams both posted victories over Harrison and Farwell last Thursday at Silver Ridge (near Farwell).

The girls team defeated Harrison 31-43 and Farwell 44-48. The boys beat Harrison 20-69 and Farwell 28-47.

The top skier at the meet was Matt Ginther, who placed 1st in all four races. Paul Jansen placed 2nd in both slalom events and 2nd and 3rd in giant slalom (GS). Keil Clough placed 4th and 5th against Farwell and had two 3rd place finishes against Harrison. Derek Quick was 5th and 6th against Farwell and 4th in both races against Harrison. Ben McNally placed 7th and 8th and 5th and 7th. Eric Hunter skied only in GS, placing 10th and 8th. Eric Hart disqualified in slalom.

In the girls competition, Kelly Jansen led the Vikings by placing 2nd in both slalom and GS against Farwell and 1st in both races against Harrison. Andria Alvarez placed 3rd in both races against Farwell and 2nd and 3rd against Harrison.

Lesley Gilbert placed 6th and 4th against Farwell and 6th and 5th against Harrison. Heather Vandecar was 5th in both races against Farwell and 5th and 8th against Harrison. Shalee Cox was 7th in both races against Farwell and 7th and 9th against Harrison.

The Viking ski teams will host Roscommon and Farwell on Thursday, January 25, at Hanson Hills at 3 p.m. On Saturday, January 27, the Vikings will ski against Boyne and Charlevoix at Boyne Mountain.



The 2001 GHS ski team: (front row, left to right) Eric Hunter, Joshua Jurkovich, Matt Seager; (middle row, left to right) Heather Vandecar, Lesley Gilbert, Shalee Cox, Kelly Jansen, Andria Alvarez, Shannon Terry; (back row, left to right) Benjamin McNally, Eric Hart, Keil Clough, Derek Quick, Christopher Awiszus, Matthew Ginther, Paul Jansen, Coach Mike Wieland. Not pictured: Andrea Dunckley.

## Local skiers race former Olympian

► Former GHS ski team members to race at Hanson Hills on January 27

Three skiers from Grayling and one from Gaylord had an opportunity to race in a Nastar Pacesetter Race on December 14 at Schuss Mountain, at which four-time Olympian A.J. Kitt raced to set pace for the event.

Kitt, also a four-time national champion, represented Nastar (National Standard Races) as a pacesetter for local areas to handicap skiers to set times for local races.

Treetops, along with other areas, host Nastar events. Skiers can race in 20 age classes in male and female

competition to see how they rank in their area, state, and nation.

Area skiers Matt Ginther, Paul Jansen, Kelly Jansen (all of Grayling) and Jesse Boughner represented Treetops in six races against Kitt. Ginther had an 8 handicap for the lowest, Boughner 10, Paul Jansen 13, and Kelly Jansen 30. Handicaps are a representative percentage of time that shows how much slower the skiers were than Kitt.

Michael Wieland, the Nastar Director for Treetops and Grayling High School's ski coach, will host a Nastar Race at Hanson Hills as part of the Grayling Ski Team Reunion on Saturday, January 27, at 1 p.m. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded in age and sex categories.

Competitors will be added to the

data bank at [www.nastar.com](http://www.nastar.com) under Treetops Area in a special Grayling Ski Team Club category, which will allow all former ski team members from Alaska, Washington, Colorado, or any other state that hosts Nastar races to enter under the Grayling Ski Team Club and compare themselves to former teammates. The scoring process is very similar to golf handicaps: low handicaps are the best.

The special Nastar race, to be held on January 27 at Hanson Hills, is open to all former members of the Grayling Ski Team. Wieland encourages skiers to come out and join the new age of racing on the web.

Check with [www.nastar.com](http://www.nastar.com) for a complete list of events that could be part of five TV shows on the Outdoor Life Network.



Paul Jansen (left) and Kelly Jansen (right) recently skied against the time of race pacesetter A.J. Kitt (center), a four-time Olympian, at a Nastar ski outing.

## HANSON HILLS SKI RACE CLINIC

Area children enjoyed a day of great skiing conditions for week two of the Citizens Bank free race clinic at Hanson Hills on Sunday.

"We had 20 kids come out to take part in today's race clinic," said a representative from Hanson Hills. "This week we had a first time competitor in the 3rd and 4th grade girls. It is really nice to see the participants skiing improve from week to week."

For the preschool and 1st grade girls, 1st place went to Shannon Scott and Melissa Kalonich received 2nd place. Melissa showed much improvement this week. For the boys, 1st place was Bradley Biggs. He really needs someone to ski against.

The 3rd and 4th grade girls did

very well this week with newcomer Rachel Wilson getting 1st place and Gracie Calkins getting 2nd. Mike Olson got 1st place for the boys this week. Mike could also use some company while racing.

The 5th and 6th grade girls are forming a tight pack this year. Their skiing has improved very much this year. These girls are going to be very good skiers in a year or two. 1st place this week went to Rachel Doremire, 2nd was Avery Diola. These two skiers only had 3 one hundredths of a second between them. 3rd place was Gabby Calkins and 4th was Jessica Riddle. Leading the 5th and 6th grade boys was Kody Diola, 2nd was Andrew Hart, and 3rd place was Joshua Scott.

The 7th and 8th grade girls were fighting off each other again this week. 1st place was Jill Seager; she seems to be setting the times to beat this year. 2nd was Mandy Scott, 3rd was Beth Lucey and 4th was Jody Riddle. These last three girls are all within 1 second of each other.

This seems to be a remake of last year for them. For the boys Jon Handy received 1st place with the fastest time of the day at 22:38. This is Handy's second year of racing with us. 2nd place was Greg Kalonich and 3rd was Ben Lucey.

This Sunday, practice for the race will begin at 1 p.m. and the races will begin at 1:30 p.m. Come and give it a try and you just might finish like Rachel Wilson and get 1st place. You will never know unless you try.



# JV squad unable to stem comeback

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Tawas had all the momentum. The Braves hit their fourth triple of the period at the 3:57 mark, then scored another three-pointer with just under three minutes to play to give Tawas its first lead of the game, 48-47.

Two free throws by Zelek put Grayling up by one. Tawas converted one free throw on a one and one chance to tie the game with 2:25 left in the fourth quarter.

Gildner grabbed the rebound on the missed Tawas free throw, and Tawas fouled Kaiser on the possession. Kaiser hit both shots to give GHS a 51-49 lead. Tawas scored two free throws at the other end to tie the game at 51-51.

Kaiser scored a fast break lay-up with 1:30 left in the fourth quarter to give Grayling a two-point edge. Tawas hit two free throws to tie the game at 53-53 with 1:29 remaining.

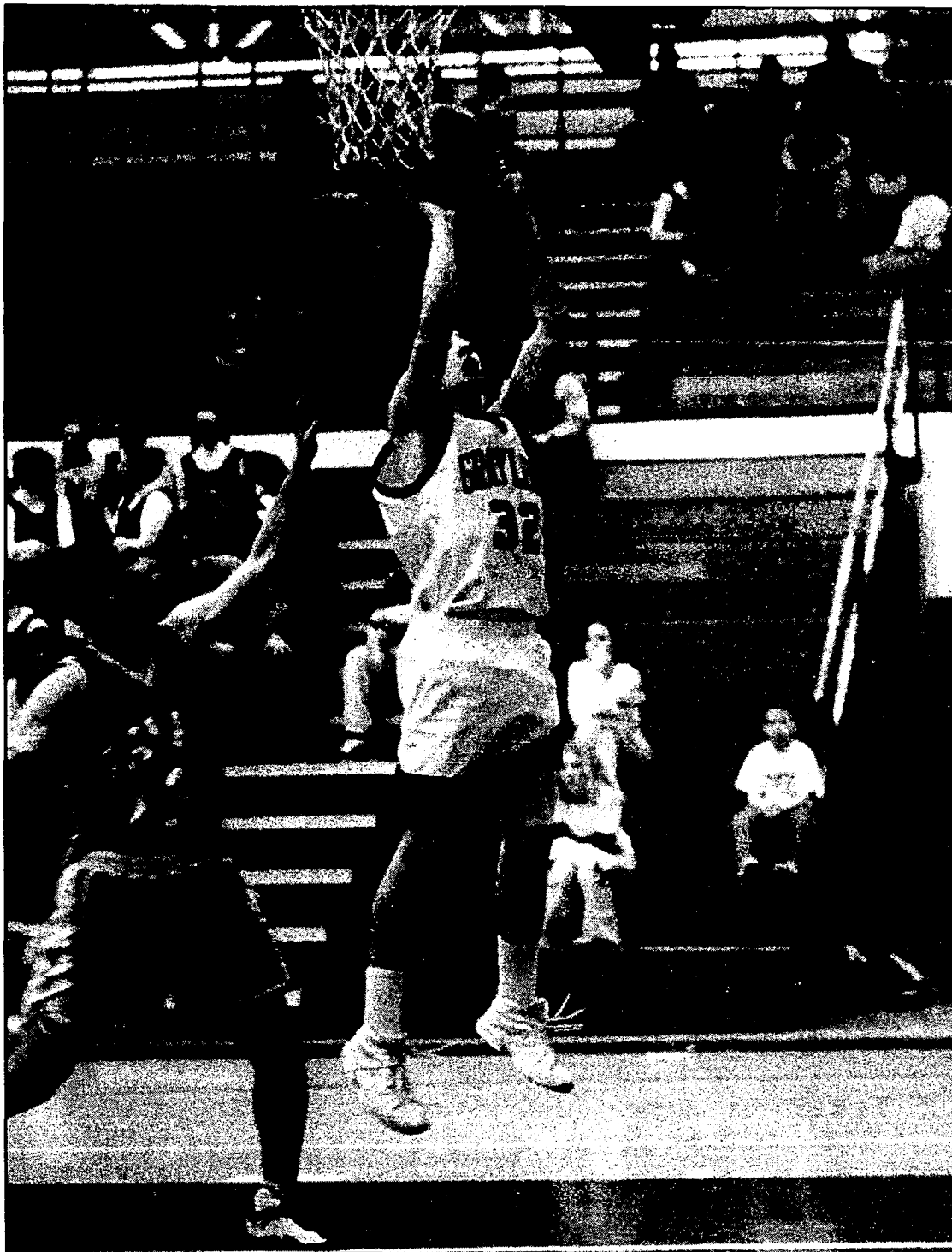
Both teams tried to run time off the clock. With 17 seconds showing, Tawas played for the last shot of the game, trying to end it in regulation. The Braves missed the shot, and Czapek came up with the rebound, forcing overtime.

Tawas scored the first basket of the four-minute overtime period at the 1:50 mark to take a 55-53 lead. a free throw by Kaiser brought Grayling within one. With 1:23 left in overtime, Tawas scored two free throws to take a three-point lead.

Tawas grabbed a loose ball on Grayling's next possession, then Brett Mead stole the ball. Mead was fouled, but missed the free throws. Kaiser rebounded, was fouled, and also missed both free throw shots.

The Vikings were called for a loose ball foul with 49 seconds left in overtime. Tawas hit one from the line to take a four-point lead. Czapek rebounded the miss on the second Tawas free throw, and was fouled. He hit both free throw shots to cut the Tawas lead to two, 58-56.

Grayling was forced to foul. Tawas hit both free throws to go back up by four with 45 seconds remaining. The Vikings answered with a shot inside by Morrill on a pass from Kaiser.



Joe Zelek goes up for a shot in last Friday's game against the Tawas Braves.

The Vikings had to foul again to stop the clock, but Grayling was whistled for an intentional foul. Tawas hit both resulting free throws, and got possession of the ball due to

the technical foul call.

Wakeley snagged a loose ball on the Tawas possession. Kaiser converted a jumper to bring the Vikings within two, 62-60, with 15 seconds left in overtime.

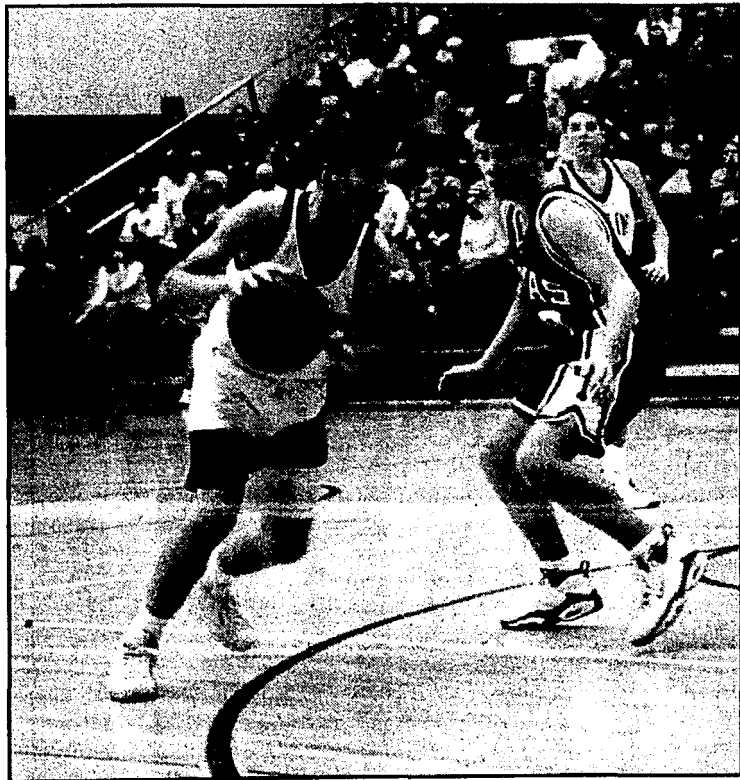
The Vikings fouled Tawas, and the Braves hit one at the line to take a three-point lead with 13 seconds left on the clock. Tawas forced a tie-up, but the Vikings had the possession arrow in their favor. With seven

seconds left, the Vikings still had a chance to send the game into another overtime period, but couldn't convert the triple.

The Vikings lost 63-60.

Grayling's high scorer was Kaiser with 20 points. Zelek scored 13, and Wakeley finished with 11.

The Vikings will play at Standish Sterling Central on Friday. On Tuesday, January 30, the team will host Kalkaska at 6 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Chris Wakeley handles the ball for Grayling.

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**Viking of the Week**

**Wrestling**  
Coach: Don Ferguson  
**DARRYL BABBITT**

Darryl won his match at Pinconning last Thursday with a pin, and placed 7th out of 16 teams at the Ithaca Invitational Tournament on Saturday.

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**Vikings of the Week**

First Name Last Name  
First Name Last Name

**Skiing**  
Coach: Mike Wieland  
**PAUL JANSEN & ANDRIA ALVAREZ**

Paul's solid skiing in all four races last week helped the Vikings defeat Farwell and Harrison. Andria had one 2nd place finish and three 3rd place finishes to help Grayling defeat Farwell and Harrison.

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# Vikings play tough vs. unbeaten Braves

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Tawas scored two buckets. A free throw by Ryan Mahaffy, a jumper by Bobenmoyer, and a three-point play by Gorski gave GHS a three-point edge. Tawas hit a triple at the first quarter buzzer to tie the game at 24-24.

Grayling's offense struggled to put points on the board in the second quarter. Tawas scored 16 points to Grayling's nine in the second period to take a 40-33 lead at halftime. The Vikings scored points on a jumper by Mahaffy, a put-back by Schmidt, a three-point play by Bobenmoyer, and two free throws by Marelich.

The Vikings made up a little ground in the third period. Grayling opened the quarter with a drive by Burkett. Dave Golnick scored a basket inside on an assist from Schmidt to pull Grayling within four, 41-37. Tawas answered by converting a three-point play.

At the 4:16 mark, Schmidt drained a three-pointer from the corner to bring GHS back within four. The Vikings got the ball back, and gave the ball back to Schmidt. From the same spot, he hit another triple to pull Grayling within one.

The Vikings held Tawas again, and this time went to Bobenmoyer, who sank a three-point shot with 3:25 left in the third, giving Grayling the lead (46-44). A drive by Gorski added two more to Grayling's advantage.

Tawas struck back, scoring a shot inside, a free throw, and a three-point play to move ahead by two, 50-48.

Gorski, fouled on a jumper, hit the basket and scored the free throw for a three-point play, giving GHS a one-point lead. Tawas scored four points to lead by three. With 37 seconds left in the third period, Burkett converted a jumper on a pass from Gorski to pull the Vikings within one.

The Braves hit the last bucket of the quarter to lead 56-53 heading into the fourth period.

The Vikings kept playing hard, and helped their cause with some great defensive rebounding to limit Tawas' offensive opportunities.

Grayling scored on a drive by Gorski and two jumpers by Burkett early in the fourth quarter to take a 59-56 lead. Tawas hit two free throws on a one and one chance to stay within one.

A jump shot and a drive by Burkett put the Vikings up 63-58 with 3:45 left in regulation. Tawas scored the next four points to pull back within one.

Schmidt scored a jumper at the 1:40 mark on a pass by Burkett to



Photo by Caleb Casey

Point guard Brad Gorski brings the ball up the court for the Vikings.

put Grayling up by three. Tawas scored a free throw, then hit a two-point basket to tie the game at 65-65 with 35 seconds left in the fourth period.

Grayling had possession. The Vikings ran time off the clock and played for the last shot. Grayling missed, and Tawas' three-pointer from half-court missed, sending the game into overtime, a four-minute period.

In overtime, Grayling won the tip-off. The Braves rebounded a missed shot by GHS, then missed on a three-point try at the other end. Bobenmoyer brought down the rebound.

Bobenmoyer scored a jumper for Grayling, the first points in OT, to give GHS a 67-65 advantage. Tawas answered with a triple to take a one-point lead. With 2:37 left in overtime, Golnick scored a basket inside on a pass from Burkett to give the Vikings a 69-68 lead.

Tawas scored the next two baskets to take a three-point lead. Gorski scored a jump shot with 0:59 remaining to pull Grayling within one, 72-71.

The Vikings were forced to foul. Tawas converted both free throws with 13 seconds left in the game. Grayling, down three points with 13 seconds on the clock, had a chance to tie the game, but missed on two chances from three-point territory.

The Braves won the match 74-71 in a thrilling overtime match to stay



Dave Golnick posts up against Tawas.

undefeated. The Vikings dropped to 5-4 overall.

Burkett was the scoring leader for Grayling with 20 points. Gorski scored 16, Schmidt added 12, and Bobenmoyer finished with 10.

The Vikings are now 4-2 in the conference. According to *The Bay City Times*, Tawas sits atop the NEMC with a 5-0 league record, and Gladwin is now alone in second

place with a 5-1 conference mark. Grayling and West Branch Ogemaw Heights (4-2) are tied for third. Bay City John Glenn (2-3), Standish Sterling Central (2-4), Oscoda (1-5), and Pinconning (0-6) are all below .500 in NEMC match-ups.

The Vikings will play at Standish Sterling Central this Friday. On Tuesday, January 30, the Vikings will play Kalkaska in Grayling.

## 8th grade 'green' team wins four straight

### ► Vikings post wins over Kalkaska, Gaylord, Houghton Lake, Roscommon

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade boys basketball (green) team has won its last four match-ups.

Most recently, the team posted an overtime win over the Bobcats of Houghton Lake at HL by a final score of 56-46.

"The team showed some real heart this game," said Coach Craig Hofman. "They were down by six with 2:30 left, and instead of giving in, fought harder."

With two seconds left in regulation, Gib Tobin tied the game with a

three-point shot.

After forcing the game into an extra period, "the team used the excitement and energy to dominate the overtime period," Coach Hofman said. "Ryan Davis, Jess Bobenmoyer and Jason Strohpaul got several offensive and defensive rebounds to give us extra possessions. Josh Hinkle handled the ball in pressure and made a steal that sealed the win. A great effort."

Hinkle was Grayling's leading scorer with 17 points. Tobin scored 15 points, Davis finished with 13, Schmidt and Bobenmoyer each scored four, and Strohpaul added three.

Last Monday, the Vikings defeated the Gaylord Blue Devils 39-28 in Grayling.

"The team played tremendously good defense, keeping Gaylord at only 12 points at halftime," said Coach Hofman. "The offense was dominated by the Vikings throughout the game. There were numerous assists due to the excellent passing."

Davis scored 16 in the win; Tobin added 12 (including 4/4 at the free throw line); Hinkle finished with seven (including two triples); and Ryan Schmidt hit for four points.

The previous week, Grayling defeated Roscommon at home and Kalkaska at Kalkaska.

Against Roscommon, the Vikings outscored the Bucks 49-31. Tobin was the GMS high scorer with 18 points. Hinkle scored 14, Davis scored nine, and Schmidt finished with four.

"A great defensive effort," said Coach Hofman. "We led 28-11 at half because we were very aggressive defensively, and offensively we passed much better."

In the game at Kalkaska, the Vikings beat the host Blazers by 12, 39-27. Davis had 15 points and nine rebounds; Tobin scored 13 points; Hinkle added eight; and Strohpaul and Bobenmoyer each finished with two points.

"The team came through in the fourth quarter with good offensive pressure," said Coach Hofman. "They played with much more intensity."

On Monday, January 29, the Vikings will play at Roscommon. The team will wrap up the year with tournament play.

## 8th graders defeat HL Bobcats

### ► Vikings now 6-1 after loss to Gaylord Blue Devils, win over Houghton Lake

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball (white) team suffered its first loss of the season last Monday, falling to the Gaylord Blue Devils 33-29 in overtime in Grayling.

Prior to the loss, the Vikings had a 5-0 season record.

"Grayling played well defensively," said Coach Gary Summers, "but we didn't convert well on offense.

We shot poorly as a team at the foul line, which could have given us the win. We lost to a good team, it was a great effort by both teams. The guys are already talking about the rematch (this) week."

(The Vikings will face the Blue Devils again on Wednesday, January 24, at Gaylord.)

High scorers for Grayling in the Gaylord match were D.J. Metzger with eight, Tyler Cragg and Russ Peters with six apiece, and Matt Swope and Josh Millikin with four points each.

The Vikings rebounded from the tough overtime loss to Gaylord with a 31-19 win over Houghton Lake on

Wednesday.

"Grayling was a bit slow getting into the groove, but the defense got stronger mid-way through the first half," said Coach Summers. "We made some changes on defense and the guys really turned it around. T.J. Luke, Tim Umlor, and Adam Gilbert played excellent defense off the bench. A lot of poise was shown by this team. They're fun to coach."

Metzger was Grayling's scoring leader with 10 points. Peters scored eight, Swope finished with five, Cragg hit for four points, and Umlor scored two.

On Monday, January 29, the Vikings will play at Roscommon.



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# Varsity girls defeat Gladwin G's

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scored two points on Dent's serve to take a 5-2 lead.

Gladwin scored two, then GHS scored one to put the Grayling lead at two, 6-4. The G's scored one more to pull within one. Grayling scored a point, then the G's answered to leave Grayling's lead at one.

A nice shot by Arica Wolcott at the net got Grayling the ball back. With Fox serving, the Vikings scored a point to take a two-point advantage, 8-6. Gladwin scored two points to tie the game.

Arica Wolcott scored a spike on a set by Hulbert to end Gladwin's serving chance. The Vikings scored three points with Michelle Salyers serving to take an 11-8 lead. Gladwin then scored six points to take a 14-11 lead over Grayling.

Facing game point, the Vikings got the ball back on a spike by Hinkle. With Tab Harney serving, GHS scored two points to pull within one. Grayling held Gladwin, then scored two points on Hinkle's serve, including an ace, to take a 15-14 lead. Gladwin then tied the match at 15-15.

A well-placed shot by Hulbert got Grayling the ball back. The Vikings scored one to take a 16-15 lead. Gladwin answered, tying the game at 16-16. Grayling got the serve back, lost it, and Gladwin scored one to make it game point, G's. The Vikings got the serve back but couldn't convert. Gladwin scored a point to win the match 18-16, tying the series 1-1.

The G's had the momentum. Gladwin scored four points on the first serving chance of the rubber match. A spike by Arica Wolcott ended the Gladwin run. Fox scored an ace to bring GHS within three.

After a few scoreless serving opportunities, the G's added two more points to their lead. The Vikings scored one, then Gladwin hit for two to take a 9-2 lead.

On Fox's serve, Arica Wolcott scored a kill to pull GHS within six. The G's then scored three points to take a nine-point lead, 12-3.

Behind some strong serving by Dent, the Vikings went on a five-point run to get back in the ball game. The run included two aces by Dent, and a spike by Hinkle on a set by Dent.

The Vikings cut Gladwin's next serving chance short with a spike by Hinkle. With Ashley Wolcott serving, GHS scored a point to pull within three. On Hinkle's serve, the Vikings pulled within two, 12-10.

Gladwin scored two points to take a 14-10 lead. The G's held Grayling, then the Vikings returned the favor.

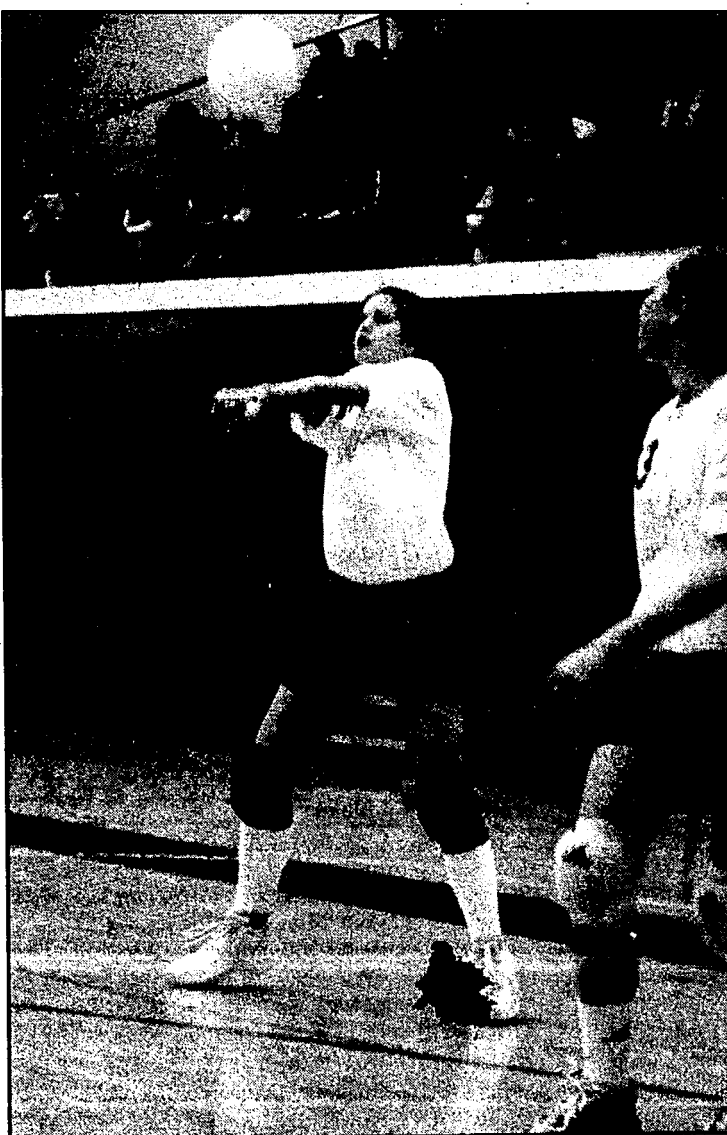
A hit by Arica Wolcott at the net got the ball back for Grayling. With Fox serving, the Vikings scored six straight points to win the game 16-14. The final run by Grayling included four aces by Fox.

With the victory in game three, the Vikings won the hard-fought series two games to one.

On Wednesday, January 24, the Vikings will play Charlevoix and Petoskey at Charlevoix.



Photos by Caleb Casey  
Jamie Dent, a junior, serves for the varsity volleyball team.



Danielle Beckwith handles a serve for the JV team.



Janelle Gregorich returns a serve for the JV squad.

## 7th grade team defeats Gaylord, HL

► GMS Vikings win both of last week's matches to move to 4-3

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade (green) boys basketball team won both of its games last week, defeating the Gaylord Blue Devils on Monday and finishing six points ahead of the Houghton Lake Bobcats on Wednesday.

On Monday, the Vikings outscored Gaylord 35-23 at Gaylord. Bob Starks led Grayling's offensive effort with 16 points.

Zach Dean scored seven points, and Ryan Feldhauser and Reagan Schmidt each scored six.

"A nice win against a good Gaylord team," said Coach Mark Hartman. "The team played great offense, and with the help of Neil Cook and Kellen Quigley, the defense really excelled."

"The boys played great and it's always nice to come away with a win when you travel to Gaylord, who are always tough," said Coach Hartman.

In a home game on Thursday, the Vikings edged Houghton Lake by six, 38-32.

Dean and Starks both reached

double digits in points, scoring 12 and 10, respectively. Schmidt scored seven, Feldhauser added six, and Quigley finished with three points.

"The team played real hard to avenge an earlier two-point loss to Houghton Lake. With the combination of balanced scoring and tough half-court defense, we were able to improve our record to 4-3 against a real good Houghton Lake team," Coach Hartman said.

The Vikings will wrap up the regular season with a home game against Roscommon on Monday, January 29. The team will then compete in a tournament.

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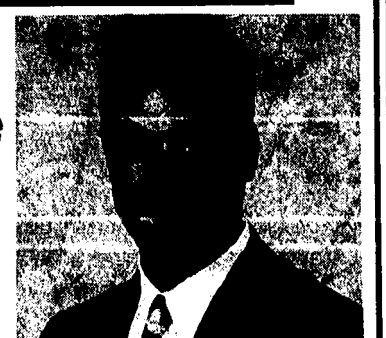
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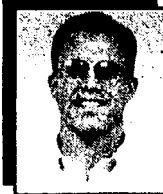
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**Curing the Winter Couch Potato Blues**  
A Rehabilitation Specialist will present ways to turn the winter blahs into heart-healthy winter fun through exercise and activities which can be done in your home. There is no cost, however, participants may want to enjoy lunch during the presentation. Please contact the Senior Centers for lunch information.

**St. Helen Senior Center**  
February 13, 12 - 12:30 pm

**Grayling Senior Center**  
February 20, 12:30 - 1 pm

**Roscommon Senior Center**  
February 21, 12 - 12:30 pm

**Healthy Cooking Class**  
Learn how to make wholesome versions of some cooking classics, and get tips on how to modify your favorite recipes. There is no cost.

**Mercy Hospital Grayling - Crawford Room**  
February 20, 6 - 8 pm

**Mercy Community Health Center - Prudenville**  
February 22, 6 - 8 pm

# Vikings wrestle at Ithaca Invitational

## Five Grayling matmen place at tournament

► GHS wrestling team competes in invitational, dual meet with Pinny

Five GHS wrestlers placed well at the 16-team Ithaca Invitational Tournament this past Saturday: Victor CdeBaca (189) took 2nd in his division; Chris Peters (171) placed 3rd; Andy Palmer (125) took 4th; and Darryl Babbitt (140) and Mike Gassman (119) each finished in 7th place.

The 16-team field at Ithaca included squads from Bridgeport, Sanford Meridian, Eau Claire, St. Louis, Gladwin, Bendle, Fulton Middleton, Bath, Flint, Carson City, Bay City, Rogers City St. John's, Stockbridge, New Lothrop, and Ithaca.

Last Thursday, the Vikings competed in a dual meet at Pinconning. The Vikings lost to the host Spartans 51-36 in final team score. Palmer (125), Babbitt (140), Peters (171), Roy Middleton (189), and CdeBaca (215) all took wins against Pinconning.

On Thursday, January 25, the Vikings will host Roscommon and West Branch Ogemaw Heights at 6 p.m. The team will head to Gaylord on Saturday, January 27, for an invitational tournament.



Chris Peters (right) wrestles for the Grayling High School team.

Photo by Caleb Casey

# BOWLING LEAGUE

**American Men's**

Moore's Automotive..... 19 - 9  
McLeans ACE..... 16 - 12  
Helsel Forest Products..... 16 - 12  
Sawmill Tavern..... 15 - 13  
CSI Ind. Systems..... 15 - 13  
Forrest Brothers..... 12 - 16  
Upper Lakes Tire..... 10 - 18  
Fenton's Auto Service..... 9 - 19  
High Game: J. Helsel, 256; P. Faustman, 233; T. Martin and J. Thayer, 222.  
High Series: J. Helsel, 673; P. Faustman, 626; J. DuBois, Jr., 603.

**Friday Mixed Doubles**

Charles Country Corner..... 17 - 7  
LAR-BEV KFC..... 15.5 - 8.5

Gray Rock Cafe..... 15 - 9  
Double Trouble..... 13 - 11  
Moshier Auto Repair..... 11 - 13  
Aunt Bettys..... 10.5 - 13.5  
C.U.P.S..... 8 - 16  
Fick & Sons..... 6 - 18  
High Game Men: D. Germain, 234; D. Canfield, 224; R. Case, 202.  
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 591; D. Germain, 574; R. Case, 564.  
High Game Women: S. France, 219; S. Johnson, 208; K. Moshier, 188.  
High Series Women: S. France, 547; S. Johnson, 526; K. Moshier, 497.

**Northwood**

Darrell's Roofing..... 48.5 - 31.5  
Pro Tree..... 47 - 33

North Michigan Financial... 47 - 33  
Curves For Women..... 43.5 - 36.5  
R. Calkins & Sons..... 39 - 41  
Plaza Bar..... 37.5 - 42.5  
R & M Masonry..... 32.5 - 47.5  
Rose Owen..... 25 - 55  
High Game: S. Romain, 199; M. Miller, 187; D. Roman, 184.  
High Series: S. Romain, 548; D. Elekonich, 518; M. Miller and Berki, 494.

**Sunday Night Mixed**

Wakeley's Auto Parts..... 16 - 5  
Legion Lanes..... 15.5 - 5.5  
Helsel Brother's..... 12.5 - 8.5  
R & M Masonry..... 12 - 9  
M.I.A.S..... 9 - 12  
Billy's..... 9 - 12  
Custom Interior..... 8 - 13  
Waste Management..... 2 - 19  
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 268, 256; J. Hunt, 227; R. Adkinson, 222.  
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 715; J. Hunt, 642; S. Green, 556.  
High Game Women: S. Johnson, 233; M. Starks, 228, 207; M. Miller, 204.  
High Series Women: M. Starks, 612; S. Johnson, 556; K. Moshier, 526.

**Triangle**

Barber Construction..... 15 - 9  
G.G.S..... 14.5 - 9.5  
A-H Rental..... 14 - 10  
Gray Rock Cafe..... 14 - 10  
Moshier Refrigeration..... 13.5 - 10.5  
Moshier Auto Repair..... 11 - 13

**Bancroft Const.**..... 11 - 13  
High Game: J. Hunt, 249; M. Arwood, 237, 223; J. Hunt, 220; J.R. Akers, 211.  
High Series: J. Hunt, 661; M. Arwood, 629; D. Canfield II, 537.

**Recreation**

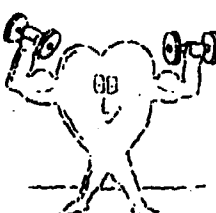
Skyline Ski & C.C..... 13 - 7  
Scheer Motors..... 13 - 7  
Chicken Little Joint Project... 12 - 8  
Cornell..... 11.5 - 8.5  
Mark 8..... 10 - 10  
Peterson Saw Service..... 9 - 11  
Glen's..... 8 - 12  
Mickey Perez C.P.A..... 3.5 - 16.5  
High Game: K. Curtis, 214; D. Hannum, 187; S. Johnson, 185.  
High Series: S. Johnson, 517; L. Dellar, 489; N. Root, 488.

**Pioneer**

Chemical Bank..... 8 - 0  
Aunt Betty's..... 8 - 0  
Ginger's..... 4 - 4  
Lady Slippers..... 4 - 4  
Millikins..... 3 - 5  
Custom Interior..... 3 - 5  
Avalanche..... 1 - 7  
Lucky Strikers..... 1 - 7  
High Game: K. Moshier, 202; J. Hinds, 200; S. Johnson, 198.  
High Series: J. Hinds, 550; L. Golnick, 543; K. Moshier, 524.

**Seniors**

Tees 'N Such..... 43.5 - 28.5  
Grayling Pharmacy..... 42 - 30  
Flowers By Josie..... 39 - 33  
Halls Snow Removal..... 36 - 36  
Buccillis Pizza..... 35.5 - 36.5  
Sylvesters Sports..... 34 - 38  
Cornell Insurance..... 30.5 - 41.5  
Baynham Wood..... 27.5 - 44.5  
High Game Men: K. Harris, 222; J. Anderson, 196; R. Case, 187.  
High Series Men: K. Harris, 566; R. Case, 544; K. Louchart, 503.  
High Game Women: V. Westover, 230; M. Baker, 186; R. Joyce, 181.  
High Series Women: V. Westover, 561; D. Mead, 488; L. Hetrick, 473.



# February is Heart Month

**Other Offerings in February**

**Breastfeeding Class**  
Cost is \$10 or free if attending Lamaze classes at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Preregistration is required by calling (517) 348-0708.  
February 15, 7 - 9 pm

**Cancer Support Group**  
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**Mercy Hospital Grayling**  
February 21, 6:30 - 8 pm


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# POOL LEAGUE

**Women's Standings**

Spikes..... 116  
Sawmill II..... 112  
Swamp II..... 106  
Holiday Inn..... 104  
Frederic Inn..... 97  
Legion..... 96  
Plaza..... 76  
Sawmill I..... 61  
5 Ball Run: Jo of Plaza, Tina of Legion, Kathy of Frederic Inn, Sandy of Sawmill II and Alice of Legion.  
6 Ball Run: Tonya of Plaza and Jeanne of Spikes.  
7 Ball Run: Alice of Legion and Vickie of Frederic Inn.





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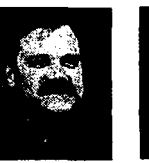

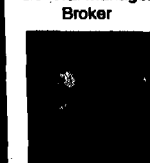




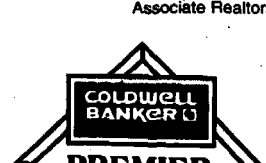
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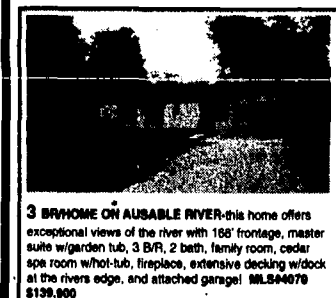

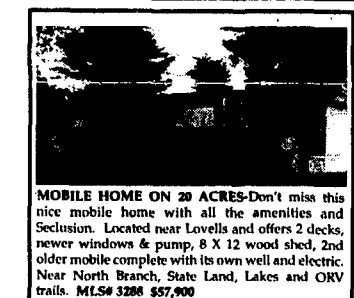
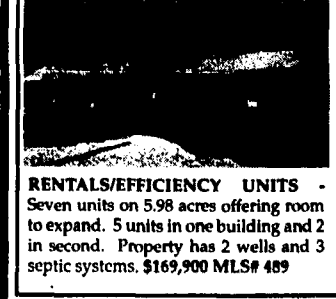
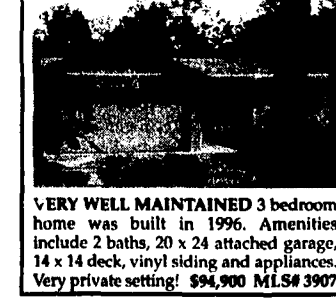
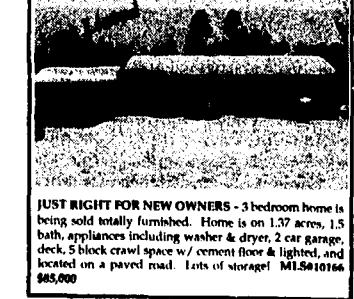
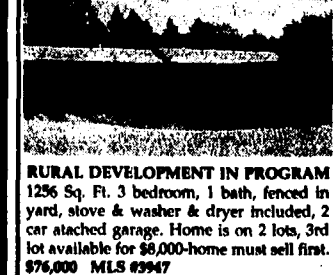
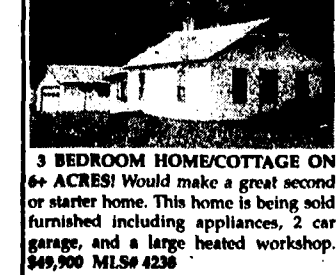

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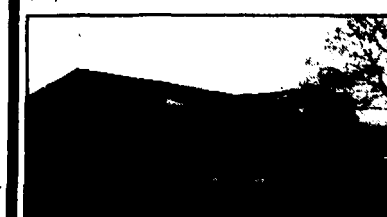
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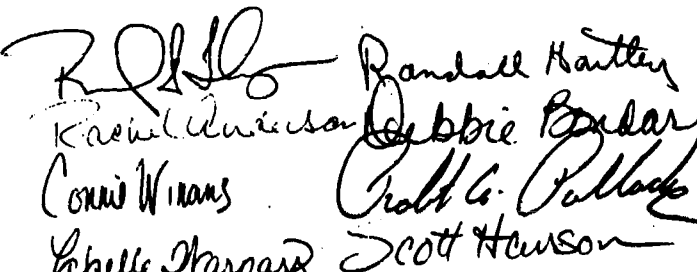
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# Nasty winter virus can send youngsters to the hospital

by Kara Gavin  
University of Michigan  
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It's that time of year again. Time for babies, toddlers and children to come down with their usual winter sniffles and sneezes, and for parents to be ready with tissues, cough syrup and hot soup. But it's also time for parents and doctors to be vigilant for a virus whose symptoms look like a simple cold at first, but in fact can send little ones to the hospital.

It's called RSV, for respiratory syncytial virus. And Marie Lozon, head of pediatric emergency services at the University of Michigan Health System, warns that it can take a heavy, even deadly, toll on many children - especially the very young or those with certain health conditions.

"RSV is the most common cause of serious respiratory disease in younger children, especially infants and very young toddlers," says Lozon, who sees a large number of RSV cases in the UMHS Emergency Department each year. "It's most dangerous in younger children or those with the risk factors involving their lungs or their hearts. But even the average healthy child could get RSV and get quite ill from it, even requiring hospitalization, oxygen and other treatments."

RSV infections can progress to bronchiolitis - not to be confused with bronchitis - or pneumonia, and even death. In newborns and very small infants, it can occasionally cause temporary interruptions in breathing. Lozon adds, leading some physicians to speculate that RSV may be associated with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS.

The American Lung Association estimates that 90,000 hospitalizations

and 4,500 deaths a year result from RSV infections in babies, toddlers and children.

RSV is around us all the time and can live on surfaces or hands, making transmission easy. Its high season starts in late fall and peaks in January and February, often with local outbreaks. During that time, those most at risk include infants under six months; children born prematurely; those with asthma, cystic fibrosis, weak immune systems or heart conditions; and the elderly.

So what can worried parents do? Lozon recommends two key steps: Handwashing and other practices to cut down on transmission of the virus within a family, day care group or class; and special attention by parents to a child's symptoms, so they can get medical attention if needed.

RSV often enters the body through the nose, mouth or eyes, or through inhalation of droplets from a cough or sneeze. If you touch an object that's been touched by a person with RSV, and then touch your face with that hand, you can be infected. It takes about four days for symptoms to develop, and some older children and adults never show signs but can still spread the virus.

Most kids get infected with RSV by the time they're two or three years old. But even though it's pretty hard to avoid contact with RSV - carrying things and people, especially in winter, Lozon urges everyone to take a few common-sense measures that can protect the most vulnerable.

First, make a habit of washing your hands often, with soap and water, especially after you've been near someone who's coughing or touched objects they've used. It's a good idea year-round, but becomes especially

important now for many reasons.

Keeping children with any cold-like symptoms away from babies is another good idea, Lozon says, as is keeping infants and at-risk children away from crowded places during peak RSV season. And parents and caregivers like day-care providers should take extra care to clean surfaces and faces often, especially when dealing with one child who has symptoms and others in the same house, classroom or day care center who don't.

Still, there's no foolproof way to avoid RSV completely, no vaccine at this time to prevent it, and no guarantee of immunity this year if you've had it before. Some high-risk kids may be able to get injections of immune-boosting medication, but most children aren't candidates for it. So, Lozon advises that parents and others learn how to tell RSV from a common cold.

One of RSV's hallmarks, she says, is the area of the body it affects. "A normal cold or cough generally is confined to the upper respiratory tract, above the collarbone," Lozon explains. "But if an RSV infection progresses, it can go into the lower respiratory tract, below the collarbone, inflaming the small airways and causing a wheeze and a difficulty in breathing."

Healthy older children and adults may have strong enough immune responses to keep it in the upper respiratory system, and should recover within a week.

But younger and sicker people may not fare so well. Infants and former premature babies have immature lungs, while kids with asthma and cystic fibrosis have lung-based problems that RSV can worsen.

Even in otherwise healthy children, an aggressive case of RSV can still cause serious breathing difficulties. Still, Lozon says, most children who get RSV have a mild to moderate case. Only about 2-percent of patients need hospitalization for their first RSV infection.

RSV often starts like any other cold, with a fever, congestion, a runny nose and a cough, Lozon says. "But often it will progress into a more serious situation where instead of a regular runny nose, the child's nose runs continuously and much more so. Both nose and mouth secretions can be incredible, so much that the child may be gagging on them. Then it progresses into a worse cough and then a wheeze."

Besides the breathing problems and runny nose, infants may have other symptoms, Lozon says, such as poor feeding and listlessness or lethargy. "Unfortunately, they also may have periods of apnea, meaning they will actually stop breathing for a short period of time," she adds.

If a child has breathing pauses, is working hard just to breathe, makes a high-pitched sound when breathing, or if their chest or belly sucks in and out when they breathe, Lozon says adults should seek medical attention immediately. Other danger signs are if the child can't eat or drink well, is listless, has a color change or can't pursue normal activity despite their symptoms.

Anyone who suspects RSV in a baby, child or adult should treat the

## Facts about respiratory syncytial virus or RSV:

- RSV is the most common cause of lower respiratory tract disease in infants and young children. Almost all children experience an RSV infection by the time they're 2 or 3.

- An adult or older child infected with RSV can spread the virus for three to eight days, even though symptoms may not be present. Small infants may spread it for up to four weeks.

- RSV causes about 90,000 hospitalizations and 4,500 deaths each year in infants and kids.

- RSV infections and out-

breaks occur throughout the year, but are especially widespread in January and February, and throughout the winter months.

- RSV may cause up to 75 percent of cases of bronchiolitis, or infections of the small lung passages, in infants. It's also the most common cause of pneumonia in children under 1.

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only about 2 percent of children require hospitalization during their first RSV infection.

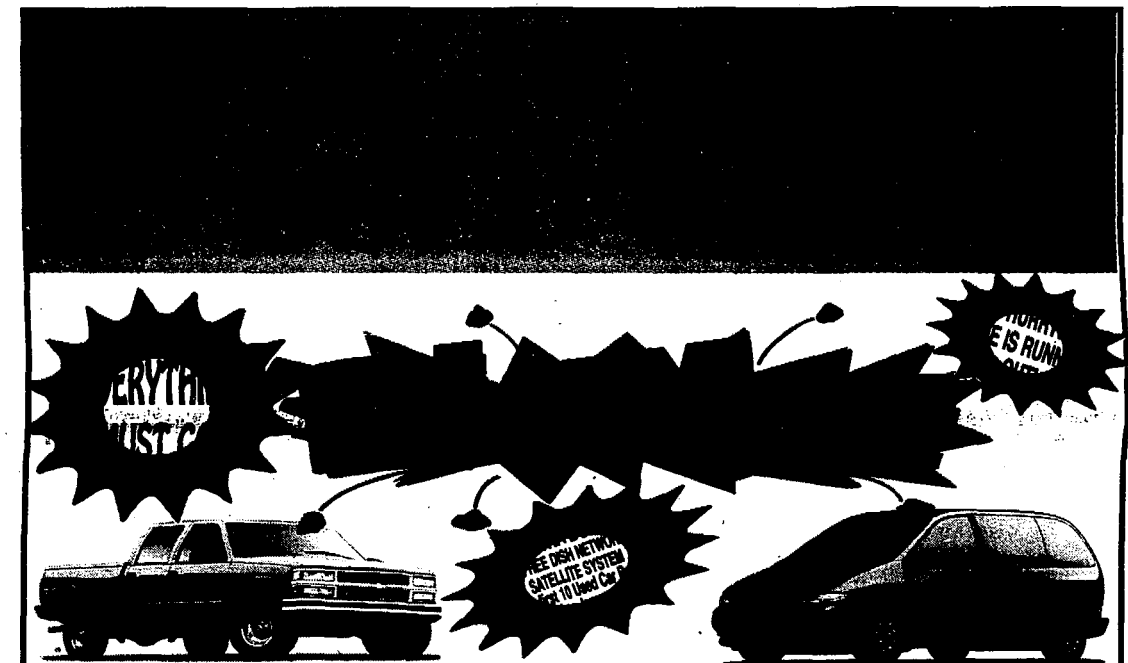
can test for the presence of RSV, support a child's breathing with oxygen, or even give anti-viral drugs or immune treatments in serious cases.

"I'm very comfortable that parents have excellent judgement, and if they're worried, even if I'm not, I'd rather be safe than sorry," she says. "If you're not sure, we'd rather see you than not."

Find more about RSV on the Web at: U-M Health System Health Topics A to Z, Respiratory Syncytial Virus - [www.med.umich.edu/1libr/child/childd63.htm](http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/child/childd63.htm)

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